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THE UNITED STATES:



BEING THE

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BEGUN AND HELD

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

BEGUN and held at the Capitol, in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and in the seventy-ninth year of the independence of the United States; being the *Second Session* of the THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS, held under the Constitution of the Government of the United States.

On which day, being the day fixed by the Constitution of the United States for the meeting of Congress, LINN BOYD, the Speaker, one of the representatives from the State of Kentucky, and the following-named members of the House of Representatives, appeared and took their seats, viz :

From the State of—

MAINE	{ Moses Macdonald, Samuel Mayall, E. Wilder Farley, Israel Washburn, jr., Thomas J. D. Fuller.
NEW HAMPSHIRE	{ George W. Kittredge, Harry Hibbard.
VERMONT	{ James Meacham, Andrew Tracy, Alvah Sabin.
MASSACHUSETTS	{ Thomas D. Eliot, Samuel L. Crocker, Samuel H. Walley, William Appleton, Charles W. Upham, Nathaniel P. Banks, jr., Tappan Wentworth, Alexander De Witt, Edward Dickinson, John Z. Goodrich.
RHODE ISLAND	{ Thomas Davis, Benjamin B. Thurston.
CONNECTICUT	{ James T. Pratt, Colin M. Ingersoll, Nathan Belcher, Origen S. Seymour.

From the State of—

NEW YORK.....

Thomas W. Cumming,
Hiram Walbridge,
William M. Tweed,
John Wheeler,
William A. Walker,
Jared V. Peck,
William Murray,
Theodoric R. Westbrook,
Russell Sage,
Rufus W. Peckham,
George A. Simmons,
Bishop Perkins,
Peter Rowe,
George W. Chase,
Orsamus B. Matteson,
Henry Bennett,
Daniel T. Jones,
Edwin B. Morgan,
Andrew Oliver,
John J. Taylor,
George Hastings,
Davis Carpenter,
Benjamin Pringle,
Thomas T. Flagler,
Solomon G. Haven,
Reuben E. Fenton.

NEW JERSEY.....

Nathan T. Stratton,
Charles Skelton,
Samuel Lilly,
George Vail,
Alexander C. M. Pennington.
Thomas B. Florence,
Joseph R. Chandler,
John Robbins, jr.,
William H. Witte,
William Everhart,
Samuel A. Bridges,
J. Glancy Jones,
Isaac E. Hiester,
Ner Middleswarth,
Hendrick B. Wright,

PENNSYLVANIA.....

Galusha A. Grow,
James Gamble,
William H. Kurtz,
Samuel L. Russell,
John McCulloch,
John L. Dawson,
David Ritchie,
Thomas M. Howe,
Michael C. Trout,
John Dick.

From the State of—

DELAWARE	George Read Riddle.
	John R. Franklin,
	Jacob Shower,
MARYLAND	Joshua Vansant,
	Henry May,
	William T. Hamilton,
	Augustus R. Sollers.
	Thomas H. Bayly,
	John S. Millson,
	John S. Caskie,
VIRGINIA	William O. Goode,
	Thomas S. Bocock,
	William Smith,
	Charles J. Faulkner,
	John Letcher,
	Henry A. Edmundson,
	Fayette McMullen.
	Thomas Ruffin,
	William S. Ashe,
	Sion H. Rogers,
NORTH CAROLINA	John Kerr,
	Richard C. Puryear,
	Burton Craige,
	Thomas L. Clingman.
	John McQueen,
SOUTH CAROLINA	James L. Orr,
	William W. Boyce.
	Alfred H. Colquitt,
	David J. Bailey,
GEORGIA	Elijah W. Chastain,
	Junius Hillyer,
	David A. Reese,
	Alexander H. Stephens.
	Philip Phillips,
	Sampson W. Harris,
ALABAMA	William R. Smith,
	George S. Houston,
	Williamson R. W. Cobb,
	James F. Dowdell.
	William S. Barry,
MISSISSIPPI	Otho R. Singleton,
	Wiley P. Harris,
	William Barksdale.
	William Dunbar,
LOUISIANA	Theodore G. Hunt,
	John Perkins, jr.
	David T. Disney,
	John Scott Harrison,
OHIO	Lewis D. Campbell,
	Alfred P. Edgerton,
	Andrew Ellison,

From the State of—

OHIO—Continued	Aaron Harlan, Moses B. Corwin, Frederick W. Green, John L. Taylor. Thomas Ritchey, Edson B. Olds, William D. Lindsley, Harvey H. Johnson, William R. Sapp, Edward Ball, Wilson Shannon, George Bliss, Edward Wade, Andrew Stuart.
KENTUCKY	Linn Boyd, Ben Edwards Grey, James S. Chrisman, Clement S. Hill, John M. Elliott, William Preston, John C. Breckinridge, Leander M. Cox, Richard H. Stanton. Nathaniel G. Taylor, Samuel A. Smith, William Cullom, Charles Ready,
TENNESSEE.....	George W. Jones, Felix K. Zollicoffer, Emerson Etheridge, Frederick P. Stanton. Smith Miller, William H. English, Samuel W. Parker, Thomas A. Hendricks,
INDIANA.....	John G. Davis, Daniel Mace, Norman Eddy, Andrew J. Harlan. Ellihu B. Washburne, John Wentworth, James Knox, William A. Richardson, Richard Yates, James C. Allen, William H. Bissell, Willis Allen.
ILLINOIS.....	Thomas H. Benton, Alfred W. Lamb, James J. Lindley,
MISSOURI.....	

From the State of—

MISSOURI—Continued	{ Mordecai Oliver, John S. Phelps, Samuel Caruthers.
ARKANSAS	{ Alfred B. Greenwood, Edward A. Warren.
MICHIGAN	{ David A. Noble, Samuel Clark, Hestor L. Stevens.
FLORIDA	Augustus E. Maxwell.
TEXAS	George W. Smyth.
IOWA	Bernhart Henn.
WISCONSIN	{ Ben C. Eastman, John B. Macy.
CALIFORNIA.....	{ James A. McDougall, Milton S. Latham.

The following new members also appeared, were sworn to support the Constitution of the United States, and took their seats, viz :

From the State of New York—Isaac Teller, in the place of Gilbert Dean, resigned; and Henry C. Goodwin, in the place of Gerrit Smith, resigned.

From the State of Virginia—Charles S. Lewis, in the place of John F. Snodgrass, deceased.

From the State of Kentucky—Francis M. Bristow, in the place of Presley Ewing, deceased.

Henry M. Rice, a delegate from the Territory of Minnesota; Joseph Lane, a delegate from the Territory of Oregon; José Manuel Gallegos, a delegate from the Territory of New Mexico; John M. Bernhisel, a delegate from the Territory of Utah; and Columbia Lancaster, a delegate from the Territory of Washington, also appeared and took their seats.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones,

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives is assembled, and is ready to proceed to business.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the part of the House, to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and to inform him that a quorum of the two houses is now in session, and that Congress are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

Mr. George W. Jones, Mr. Haven, and Mr. Thomas H. Bayly, were appointed the said committee on the part of the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Florence submitted the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House, immediately after the passage of this resolution, place in a box the name of each member and delegate of the House of Representatives, written on a separate slip of paper; that he then proceed, in the presence of the House, to draw from said box, one at a time, the said slips of paper, and as each is drawn

he shall announce the name of the member or delegate upon it, who shall choose his seat for the present session: *Provided*, That, before said drawing shall commence, the Speaker shall cause every seat to be vacated, and shall see that every seat continues vacant until it is selected under this order.

Which having been read,

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton moved to amend the same by inserting at the end thereof the following, viz:

"And when the name of Mr. Churchwell is drawn, leave be granted for the selection of a seat for him, his absence being occasioned by sickness."

Pending which,

Mr. Dickinson moved to amend the said amendment by adding thereto the following, viz:

"And that a similar leave be granted in the case of Mr. Edmands, he being also absent on account of sickness."

And the question being put on the amendment to the amendment, it was decided in the negative.

The question then recurring on the amendment,

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton withdrew the same.

The question then recurred on the resolution submitted by Mr. Florence.

And being put, it was decided in the affirmative.

The Clerk thereupon proceeded to execute the said order; which having been executed,

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: A quorum of the Senate has assembled; the Hon. Lewis Cass has been chosen President of the Senate *pro tempore* for this day, and the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

And then he withdrew.

Subsequently,

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Machen, their chief clerk, viz:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have adopted a resolution for the appointment of a committee, jointly with the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to wait on the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each house has assembled, and that Congress are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make; and have appointed Mr. Dodge of Iowa, Mr. Dawson, and Mr. Toucey, the said committee on the part of the Senate.

And then he withdrew.

The Speaker having announced, as the business first in order, the message of the President of the United States returning, with his objections, the bill of the House (No. 392) entitled "An act making appropriations for the repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works heretofore commenced under the authority of law," which was received on the eve of the adjournment of the last session—

The same was read; when,

On motion of Mr. Clingman, the further consideration of the said bill, with the objections of the President thereto, was postponed until Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. John Wentworth, under the operation of the previous question,

Ordered, That the said message be printed.

On motion of Mr. Houston,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing to inquire into the expediency of printing ten thousand copies extra of the said message.

Mr. Dawson, by unanimous consent, gave notice of his intention to submit an amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the amendment to the bill of the House (No. 37) entitled "An act to grant a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres of the public lands to actual settlers;" which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lane, of Oregon, by unanimous consent, introduced bills of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 542. A bill making an appropriation for completing the public buildings of Oregon Territory ;

H. R. 543. A bill for the construction of a military road in Oregon Territory ;

H. R. 544. A bill regulating the location of bounty land warrants in Oregon Territory ;

H. R. 545. A bill to provide for the allowance of invalid pensions to certain volunteers in the Indian wars in Oregon Territory ; which bills were severally read a first and second time, and referred as follows, viz :

H. R. 542, to the Committee on the Territories.

H. R. 543 and 545, to the Committee on Military Affairs.

H. R. 544, to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Bernhisel, by unanimous consent, introduced a joint resolution (H. Res. 37) for the relief of John L. Smith and James McGaw ; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Territories.

Mr. Bernhisel, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution ; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz :

Resolved, That the Committee on Territories be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the legislative assembly of the Territory of Utah to continue their sessions for a term not exceeding sixty days instead of forty days, as heretofore provided, and that said committee report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. John Wentworth moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to move that the bill of the House (No. 540) granting pensions to all persons engaged in the war of 1812, and the Indian wars prior thereto, and to their widows, be made a special order.

And the question being put, it was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. George W. Jones, from the joint committee appointed to wait upon the President of the United States, reported that the committee had discharged the duties imposed upon them, and that the President had informed them that he would make a communication, in writing, to the two houses this day.

Mr. Ready, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 546) to extend the provisions of the bounty land and pension laws of the United

States; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Notices were given, under the rule, of motions for leave to introduce bills, as follows, viz :

By Mr. Cobb : A bill proposing to slightly modify and amend the act of the 4th of August, 1854, graduating and reducing the price of the public lands, &c., so as to strike out the word "adjoining," in the 3d section, and to authorize the affidavit to be made before any person properly authorized to administer oaths and affirmations, &c.; also, to declare what is meant by actual cultivation and settlement, and when that settlement shall take place—say in a reasonable time.

By Mr. Henn : A bill for the relief of the owners and occupants of the town of Omaha City, in the Territory of Nebraska, and for other purposes.

By Mr. Latham : A bill to continue in force, for a limited time, the provisions of the act of Congress of the 3d of March, 1851, and the second section of its supplement of the 18th January, 1854, so as to enable the board of land commissioners in California to close their adjudications of private land titles in that State, and for other purposes.

By Mr. Disney : A bill to render the navigation of the Louisville and Portland canal free of toll.

By Mr. Phillips : A bill making an appropriation for the purpose of completing the improvement in the bay of Mobile now progressing under the direction of the government.

The Speaker having proceeded to call the States for resolutions,

Mr. Walbridge submitted the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to bring in a bill removing the present duty on foreign coal, so that the same shall be admitted duty free.

Debate arising thereon, the said resolution lies over under the rule.

Mr. Florence moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to move that the bill of the House (No. 56) extending the provisions of the several laws granting bounty land to the officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States, be made a special order for Tuesday, the 9th of January next, and from day to day thereafter until disposed of.

And the question being put, it was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Sollers submitted the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the President of the United States inform this House, if not incompatible with the public interest, what was the object or objects of the meeting or conference of the American ministers at Ostend, and whether the said meeting or conference was held in obedience to instructions from the Secretary of State; what the said instructions were, and what was the result of the said meeting or conference.

The same having been read, and objection being made to its consideration at this time,

Mr. Sollers moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable the House to consider the said resolution now.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 74
Nays..... 102

Two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. Edward Ball

Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Henry Bennett
Francis M. Bristol
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Joseph E. Chandler
George W. Chase
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Alexander De Witt
John Dick
Edward Dickinson
Ben. C. Eastman
Thomas D. Eliot
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas T. Flagler
John R. Franklin
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin

Mr. Galusha A. Grow

Aaron Harlan
John Scott Harrison
Solomon G. Haven
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Theodore G. Hunt
John Kerr
James Knox
James J. Lindley
John McCulloh
Samuel Mayall
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Bishop Perkins
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David Ritchie

Mr. Sion H. Rogers

Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
George A. Simmons
Charles Skelton
Augustus R. Sollers
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stuart
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Andrew Tracy
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
Samuel H. Walley
Elliott B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen

Willis Allen
William S. Ashe
David J. Bailey
Thomas H. Bayly
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bocoock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Alfred H. Colquitt
Thomas W. Cumming
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar
Norman Eddy
Henry A. Edmundson
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Charles J. Faulkner

Mr. Thomas B. Florence

Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
William O. Goode
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
William T. Hamilton
Andrew J. Harlan
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Junius Hillyer
George S. Houston
Colin M. Ingersoll
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz
Milton S. Latham
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
William D. Linsdaley
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
John B. Macy

Mr. Augustus E. Maxwell

Henry May
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
William Murray
David A. Noble
Edson B. Olds
Andrew Oliver
James L. Orr
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
David A. Reese
George Read Riddle
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Jacob Shower
Otho R. Singleton
William Smith
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Nathan T. Stratton
John J. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston

Mr. Michael C. Trout
George Vail
Joshua Vansant

Mr. William A. Walker
Edward A. Warren
John Wentworth

Mr. Theodorick R. Westbrook
William H. Wittee
Hendrick B. Wright.

So the House refused to suspend the rules, and the resolution lies over.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary ; which was read, and is as follows, viz :

*Fellow-citizens of the Senate
and of the House of Representatives :*

The past has been an eventful year, and will be hereafter referred to as a marked epoch in the history of the world. While we have been happily preserved from the calamities of war, our domestic prosperity has not been entirely uninterrupted. The crops in portions of the country have been nearly cut off. Disease has prevailed to a greater extent than usual, and the sacrifice of human life, through casualties by sea and land, is without parallel. But the pestilence has swept by, and restored salubrity invites the absent to their homes, and the return of business to its ordinary channels. If the earth has rewarded the labor of the husbandman less bountifully than in preceding seasons, it has left him with abundance for domestic wants, and a large surplus for exportation. In the present, therefore, as in the past, we find ample grounds for reverent thankfulness to the God of Grace and Providence, for His protecting care and merciful dealings with us as a people.

Although our attention has been arrested by painful interest in passing events, yet our country feels no more than the slight vibrations of the convulsions which have shaken Europe. As individuals, we cannot repress sympathy with human suffering, nor regret for the causes which produce it. As a nation, we are reminded, that whatever interrupts the peace, or checks the prosperity, of any part of Christendom, tends, more or less, to involve our own. The condition of states is not unlike that of individuals : they are mutually dependent upon each other. Amicable relations between them, and reciprocal good will, are essential for the promotion of whatever is desirable in their moral, social, and political condition. Hence, it has been my earnest endeavor to maintain peace and friendly intercourse with all nations.

The wise theory of this government, so early adopted and steadily pursued, of avoiding all entangling alliances, has hitherto exempted it from many complications, in which it would otherwise have become involved. Notwithstanding this our clearly defined and well-sustained course of action, and our geographical position so remote from Europe, increasing disposition has been manifested, by some of its governments, to supervise, and, in certain respects, to direct, our foreign policy. In plans for adjusting the balance of power among themselves, they have assumed to take us into account, and would constrain us to conform our conduct to their views. One or another of the powers of Europe has, from time to time, undertaken to enforce arbitrary regulations, contrary in many respects to established prin-

ciples of international law. That law the United States have, in their foreign intercourse, uniformly respected and observed, and they cannot recognise any such interpolations therein as the temporary interests of others may suggest. They do not admit that the sovereigns of one continent, or of a particular community of states, can legislate for all others.

Leaving the trans-atlantic nations to adjust their political system in the way they may think best for their common welfare, the independent powers of this continent may well assert the right to be exempt from all annoying interference on their part. Systematic abstinence from intimate political connexion with distant foreign nations, does not conflict with giving the widest range to our foreign commerce. This distinction, so clearly marked in history, seems to have been overlooked, or disregarded, by some leading foreign states. Our refusal to be brought within, and subjected to, their peculiar system, has, I fear, created a jealous distrust of our conduct, and induced, on their part, occasional acts of disturbing effect upon our foreign relations. Our present attitude and past course give assurances, which should not be questioned, that our purposes are not aggressive, nor threatening to the safety and welfare of other nations. Our military establishment, in time of peace, is adapted to maintain exterior defences, and to preserve order among the aboriginal tribes within the limits of the Union. Our naval force is intended only for the protection of our citizens abroad, and of our commerce, diffused, as it is, over all the seas of the globe. The government of the United States, being essentially pacific in policy, stands prepared to repel invasion by the voluntary service of a patriotic people, and provides no permanent means of foreign aggression. These considerations should allay all apprehension that we are disposed to encroach on the rights, or endanger the security, of other states.

Some European powers have regarded with disquieting concern the territorial expansion of the United States. This rapid growth has resulted from the legitimate exercise of sovereign rights, belonging alike to all nations, and by many liberally exercised. Under such circumstances, it could hardly have been expected that those among them which have, within a comparatively recent period, subdued and absorbed ancient kingdoms, planted their standards on every continent, and now possess, or claim the control of, the islands of every ocean as their appropriate domain, would look with unfriendly sentiments upon the acquisitions of this country, in every instance honorably obtained, or would feel themselves justified in imputing our advancement to a spirit of aggression or to a passion for political predominance.

Our foreign commerce has reached a magnitude and extent nearly equal to that of the first maritime power of the earth, and exceeding that of any other. Over this great interest, in which not only our merchants, but all classes of citizens, at least indirectly, are concerned, it is the duty of the executive and legislative branches of the government to exercise a careful supervision, and adopt proper measures for its protection. The policy which I have had in view, in regard to this interest, embraces its future as well as its present security.

Long experience has shown that, in general, when the principal powers of Europe are engaged in war, the rights of neutral nations are endangered. This consideration led, in the progress of the war of our independence, to the formation of the celebrated confederacy of armed neutrality, a primary object of which was, to assert the doctrine that free ships make free goods, except in the case of articles contraband of war: a doctrine which, from the very commencement of our national being, has been a cherished idea of the statesmen of this country. At one period or another, every maritime power has, by some solemn treaty stipulation, recognised that principle; and it might have been hoped that it would come to be universally received and respected as a rule of international law. But the refusal of one power prevented this, and in the next great war which ensued, that of the French revolution, it failed to be respected among the belligerent states of Europe. Notwithstanding this, the principle is generally admitted to be a sound and salutary one—so much so, that, at the commencement of the existing war in Europe, Great Britain and France announced their purpose to observe it for the present; not, however, as a recognised international right, but as a mere concession for the time being. The co-operation, however, of these two powerful maritime nations in the interest of neutral rights, appeared to me to afford an occasion inviting and justifying, on the part of the United States, a renewed effort to make the doctrine in question a principle of international law, by means of special conventions between the several powers of Europe and America. Accordingly, a proposition, embracing not only the rule that free ships make free goods, except contraband articles, but also the less contested one, that neutral property other than contraband, though on board enemy's ships, shall be exempt from confiscation, has been submitted by this government to those of Europe and America.

Russia acted promptly in this matter, and a convention was concluded between that country and the United States, providing for the observance of the principles announced, not only as between themselves, but also as between them and all other nations which shall enter into like stipulations. None of the other powers have as yet taken final action on the subject. I am not aware, however, that any objection to the proposed stipulations has been made; but, on the contrary, they are acknowledged to be essential to the security of neutral commerce; and the only apparent obstacle to their general adoption is in the possibility that it may be encumbered by inadmissible conditions.

The King of the Two Sicilies has expressed to our minister at Naples his readiness to concur in our proposition relative to neutral rights, and to enter into a convention on that subject.

The King of Prussia entirely approves of the project of a treaty to the same effect, submitted to him, but proposes an additional article providing for the renunciation of privateering. Such an article, for most obvious reasons, is much desired by nations having naval establishments, large in proportion to their foreign commerce. If it were adopted as an international rule, the commerce of a nation having comparatively a small naval force would be very much at the

mercy of its enemy in case of war with a power of decided naval superiority. The bare statement of the condition in which the United States would be placed, after having surrendered the right to resort to privateers, in the event of war with a belligerent of naval supremacy, will show that this government could never listen to such a proposition. The navy of the first maritime power in Europe is at least ten times as large as that of the United States. The foreign commerce of the two countries is nearly equal, and about equally exposed to hostile depredations. In war between that power and the United States, without resort on our part to our mercantile marine, the means of our enemy to inflict injury upon our commerce would be tenfold greater than ours to retaliate. We could not extricate our country from this unequal condition, with such an enemy, unless we at once departed from our present peaceful policy, and became a great naval power. Nor would this country be better situated in war with one of the secondary naval powers. Though the naval disparity would be less, the greater extent and more exposed condition of our wide-spread commerce would give any of them a like advantage over us.

The proposition to enter into engagements to forego a resort to privateers, in case this country should be forced into war with a great naval power, is not entitled to more favorable consideration than would be a proposition to agree not to accept the services of volunteers for operations on land. When the honor or the rights of our country require it to assume a hostile attitude, it confidently relies upon the patriotism of its citizens, not ordinarily devoted to the military profession, to augment the army and the navy, so as to make them fully adequate to the emergency which calls them into action. The proposal to surrender the right to employ privateers is professedly founded upon the principle, that private property of unoffending non-combatants, though enemies, should be exempt from the ravages of war; but the proposed surrender goes but little way in carrying out that principle, which equally requires that such private property should not be seized or molested by national ships of war. Should the leading powers of Europe concur in proposing, as a rule of international law, to exempt private property, upon the ocean, from seizure by public armed cruisers, as well as by privateers, the United States will readily meet them upon that broad ground.

Since the adjournment of Congress, the ratifications of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain relative to coast fisheries, and to reciprocal trade with the British North American provinces, have been exchanged, and some of its anticipated advantages are already enjoyed by us, although its full execution was to abide certain acts of legislation not yet fully performed. So soon as it was ratified, Great Britain opened to our commerce the free navigation of the river St. Lawrence, and to our fishermen unmolested access to the shores and bays, from which they had been previously excluded, on the coasts of her North American provinces; in return for which, she asked for the introduction, free of duty, into the ports of the United States, of the fish caught on the same coast by British fishermen. This being the compensation, stipulated in the treaty, for privileges of

the highest importance and value to the United States, which were thus voluntarily yielded before it became effective, the request seemed to me to be a reasonable one ; but it could not be acceded to, from want of authority to suspend our laws imposing duties upon all foreign fish. In the mean time the Treasury Department issued a regulation for ascertaining the duties paid or secured by bonds on fish caught on the coasts of the British provinces, and brought to our markets by British subjects, after the fishing-grounds had been made fully accessible to the citizens of the United States. I recommend to your favorable consideration a proposition, which will be submitted to you, for authority to refund the duties and cancel the bonds thus received. The provinces of Canada and New Brunswick have also anticipated the full operation of the treaty, by legislative arrangements, respectively, to admit free of duty the products of the United States mentioned in the free list of the treaty ; and an arrangement, similar to that regarding British fish, has been made for duties now chargeable on the products of those provinces enumerated in the same free list, and introduced therefrom into the United States ; a proposition for refunding which will, in my judgment, be in like manner entitled to your favorable consideration.

There is difference of opinion between the United States and Great Britain as to the boundary line of the Territory of Washington adjoining the British possessions on the Pacific, which has already led to difficulties on the part of the citizens and local authorities of the two governments. I recommend that provision be made for a commission, to be joined by one on the part of her Britannic Majesty, for the purpose of running and establishing the line in controversy. Certain stipulations of the third and fourth articles of the treaty concluded by the United States and Great Britain in 1846, regarding possessory rights of the Hudson's Bay Company, and property of the Puget's Sound Agricultural Company, have given rise to serious disputes, and it is important to all concerned that summary means of settling them amicably should be devised. I have reason to believe that an arrangement can be made, on just terms, for the extinguishment of the rights in question, embracing, also, the right of the Hudson's Bay Company to the navigation of the river Columbia ; and I therefore suggest to your consideration the expediency of making a contingent appropriation for that purpose.

France was the early and efficient ally of the United States in their struggle for independence. From that time to the present, with occasional slight interruptions, cordial relations of friendship have existed between the governments and people of the two countries. The kindly sentiments cherished alike by both nations have led to extensive social and commercial intercourse, which I trust will not be interrupted or checked by any casual event of an apparently unsatisfactory character. The French consul at San Francisco was, not long since, brought into the United States district court at that place, by compulsory process, as a witness in favor of another foreign consul, in violation, as the French government conceives, of his privileges under our consular convention with France. There being nothing in the transaction which could imply any disrespect to

France or its consul, such explanation has been made as, I hope, will be satisfactory. Subsequently, misunderstanding arose on the subject of the French government having, as it appeared, abruptly excluded the American minister to Spain from passing through France, on his way from London to Madrid. But that government has unequivocally disavowed any design to deny the right of transit to the minister of the United States; and, after explanations to this effect, he has resumed his journey, and actually returned through France to Spain. I herewith lay before Congress the correspondence on this subject between our envoy at Paris and the minister of foreign relations of the French government.

The position of our affairs with Spain remains as at the close of your last session. Internal agitation, assuming very nearly the character of political revolution, has recently convulsed that country. The late ministers were violently expelled from power, and men of very different views in relation to its internal affairs have succeeded. Since this change, there has been no propitious opportunity to resume, and press on, negotiations for the adjustment of serious questions of difficulty between the Spanish government and the United States. There is reason to believe that our minister will find the present government more favorably inclined than the preceding to comply with our just demands, and to make suitable arrangements for restoring harmony, and preserving peace, between the two countries.

Negotiations are pending with Denmark to discontinue the practice of levying tolls on our vessels and their cargoes passing through the Sound. I do not doubt that we can claim exemption therefrom, as a matter of right. It is admitted on all hands that this exaction is sanctioned, not by the general principles of the law of nations, but only by special conventions, which most of the commercial nations have entered into with Denmark. The fifth article of our treaty of 1826, with Denmark, provides that there shall not be paid, on the vessels of the United States and their cargoes when passing through the Sound, higher duties than those of the most favored nations. This may be regarded as an implied agreement to submit to the tolls during the continuance of the treaty, and, consequently, may embarrass the assertion of our right to be released therefrom. There are also other provisions in the treaty which ought to be modified. It was to remain in force for ten years, and until one year after either party should give notice to the other of intention to terminate it. I deem it expedient that the contemplated notice should be given to the government of Denmark.

The naval expedition despatched about two years since for the purpose of establishing relations with the empire of Japan has been ably and skilfully conducted to a successful termination, by the officer to whom it was intrusted. A treaty, opening certain of the ports of that populous country, has been negotiated; and in order to give full effect thereto, it only remains to exchange ratifications, and adopt requisite commercial regulations.

The treaty lately concluded between the United States and Mexico settled some of our most embarrassing difficulties with that country, but numerous claims upon it for wrongs and injuries to our citi-

izens remained unadjusted, and many new cases have been recently added to the former list of grievances. Our legation has been earnest in its endeavors to obtain from the Mexican government a favorable consideration of these claims, but hitherto without success. This failure is probably, in some measure, to be ascribed to the disturbed condition of that country. It has been my anxious desire to maintain friendly relations with the Mexican republic, and to cause its rights and territories to be respected, not only by our citizens, but by foreigners who have resorted to the United States for the purpose of organizing hostile expeditions against some of the States of that republic. The defenceless condition in which its frontiers have been left has stimulated lawless adventurers to embark in these enterprises, and greatly increased the difficulty of enforcing our obligations of neutrality. Regarding it as my solemn duty to fulfil, efficiently, these obligations, not only towards Mexico, but other foreign nations, I have exerted all the powers with which I am invested to defeat such proceedings, and bring to punishment those who, by taking a part therein, violated our laws. The energy and activity of our civil and military authorities have frustrated the designs of those who meditated expeditions of this character, except in two instances. One of these, composed of foreigners, was at first countenanced and aided by the Mexican government itself, it having been deceived as to their real object. The other, small in number, eluded the vigilance of the magistrates at San Francisco, and succeeded in reaching the Mexican territories; but the effective measures taken by this government compelled the abandonment of the undertaking.

The commission to establish the new line between the United States and Mexico, according to the provisions of the treaty of the 30th of December last, has been organized, and the work is already commenced.

Our treaties with the Argentine Confederation, and with the republics of Uruguay and Paraguay, secure to us the free navigation of the river La Plata, and some of its larger tributaries; but the same success has not attended our endeavors to open the Amazon. The reasons in favor of the free use of that river I had occasion to present fully, in a former message; and, considering the cordial relations which have long existed between this government and Brazil, it may be expected that pending negotiations will eventually reach a favorable result.

Convenient means of transit between the several parts of a country are not only desirable for the objects of commercial and personal communication, but essential to its existence under one government. Separated as are the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of the United States by the whole breadth of the continent, still the inhabitants of each are closely bound together by community of origin and institutions, and by strong attachment to the Union. Hence the constant and increasing intercourse, and vast interchange of commercial productions, between these remote divisions of the Republic. At the present time, the most practicable and only commodious routes for communication between them are by the way of the Isthmus of Central America. It is the duty of the government to secure these avenues against all danger of interruption.

In relation to Central America, perplexing questions existed between the United States and Great Britain at the time of the cession of California. These, as well as questions which subsequently arose concerning inter-oceanic communication across the Isthmus, were, as it was supposed, adjusted by the treaty of April 19, 1850: but, unfortunately, they have been re-opened by serious misunderstanding as to the import of some of its provisions, a re-adjustment of which is now under consideration. Our minister at London has made strenuous efforts to accomplish this desirable object, but has not yet found it possible to bring the negotiations to a termination.

As incidental to these questions, I deem it proper to notice an occurrence which happened in Central America, near the close of the last session of Congress. So soon as the necessity was perceived of establishing inter-oceanic communications across the Isthmus, a company was organized, under authority of the State of Nicaragua, but composed, for the most part, of citizens of the United States, for the purpose of opening such a transit way, by the river San Juan and Lake Nicaragua, which soon became an eligible and much-used route in the transportation of our citizens and their property between the Atlantic and Pacific. Meanwhile, and in anticipation of the completion and importance of this transit way, a number of adventurers had taken possession of the old Spanish port at the mouth of the river San Juan, in open defiance of the State or States of Central America, which, upon their becoming independent, had rightfully succeeded to the local sovereignty and jurisdiction of Spain. These adventurers undertook to change the name of the place from San Juan del Norte to Greytown, and, though at first pretending to act as the subjects of the fictitious sovereign of the Mosquito Indians, they subsequently repudiated the control of any power whatever, assumed to adopt a distinct political organization, and declared themselves an independent sovereign state. If, at some time, a faint hope was entertained that they might become a stable and respectable community, that hope soon vanished. They proceeded to assert unfounded claims to civil jurisdiction over Punta Arenas, a position on the opposite side of the river San Juan, which was in possession, under a title wholly independent of them, of citizens of the United States interested in the Nicaragua Transit Company, and which was indispensably necessary to the prosperous operation of that route across the Isthmus. The company resisted their groundless claims; whereupon they proceeded to destroy some of its buildings, and attempted violently to dispossess it.

At a later period they organized a strong force for the purpose of demolishing the establishment at Punta Arenas, but this mischievous design was defeated by the interposition of one of our ships of war, at that time in the harbor of San Juan. Subsequently to this, in May last, a body of men from Greytown crossed over to Punta Arenas, arrogating authority to arrest, on the charge of murder, a captain of one of the steamboats of the Transit Company. Being well aware that the claim to exercise jurisdiction there would be resisted then, as it had been on previous occasions, they went prepared to assert it by force of arms. Our

minister to Central America happened to be present on that occasion. Believing that the captain of the steamboat was innocent, for he witnessed the transaction on which the charge was founded, and believing, also, that the intruding party, having no jurisdiction over the place where they proposed to make the arrest, would encounter desperate resistance if they persisted in their purpose, he interposed, effectually, to prevent violence and bloodshed. The American minister afterwards visited Greytown, and whilst he was there, a mob, including certain of the so-called public functionaries of the place, surrounded the house in which he was, avowing that they had come to arrest him, by order of some person exercising the chief authority. While parleying with them he was wounded by a missile from the crowd. A boat, despatched from the American steamer "Northern Light" to release him from the perilous situation in which he was understood to be, was fired into by the town guard, and compelled to return. These incidents, together with the known character of the population of Greytown, and their excited state, induced just apprehensions that the lives and property of our citizens at Punta Arenas would be in imminent danger after the departure of the steamer, with her passengers, for New York, unless a guard was left for their protection. For this purpose, and in order to insure the safety of passengers and property passing over the route, a temporary force was organized, at considerable expense to the United States, for which provision was made at the last session of Congress.

This pretended community, a heterogeneous assemblage gathered from various countries, and composed, for the most part, of blacks and persons of mixed blood, had previously given other indications of mischievous and dangerous propensities. Early in the same month, property was clandestinely abstracted from the depot of the Transit Company, and taken to Greytown. The plunderers obtained shelter there, and their pursuers were driven back by its people, who not only protected the wrong-doers and shared the plunder, but treated with rudeness and violence those who sought to recover their property.

Such, in substance, are the facts submitted to my consideration, and proved by trustworthy evidence. I could not doubt that the case demanded the interposition of this government. Justice required that reparation should be made for so many and such gross wrongs, and that a course of insolence and plunder, tending directly to the insecurity of the lives of numerous travellers, and of the rich treasure belonging to our citizens, passing over this transit way, should be peremptorily arrested. Whatever it might be in other respects, the community in question, in power to do mischief, was not despicable. It was well provided with ordnance, small arms, and ammunition, and might easily seize on the unarmed boats, freighted with millions of property, which passed almost daily within its reach. It did not profess to belong to any regular government, and had, in fact, no recognized dependence on, or connection with, any one to which the United States or their injured citizens might apply for redress, or which could be held responsible, in any way, for the outrages committed. Not standing before the world in the attitude of an organized political society, being

neither competent to exercise the rights nor to discharge the obligations of a government, it was, in fact, a marauding establishment, too dangerous to be disregarded, and too guilty to pass unpunished, and yet incapable of being treated in any other way than as a piratical resort of outlaws, or a camp of savages, depredating on emigrant trains or caravans and the frontier settlements of civilized states.

Seasonable notice was given to the people of Greytown that this government required them to repair the injuries they had done to our citizens, and to make suitable apology for their insult of our minister, and that a ship-of-war would be despatched thither to enforce compliance with these demands. But the notice passed unheeded. Thereupon, a commander of the navy, in charge of the sloop-of-war "Cyane," was ordered to repeat the demands, and to insist upon a compliance therewith. Finding that neither the populace, nor those assuming to have authority over them, manifested any disposition to make the required reparation, or even to offer excuse for their conduct, he warned them, by a public proclamation, that if they did not give satisfaction within a time specified, he would bombard the town. By this procedure he afforded them opportunity to provide for their personal safety. To those also who desired to avoid loss of property, in the punishment about to be inflicted on the offending town, he furnished the means of removing their effects, by the boats of his own ship, and of a steamer which he procured and tendered to them for that purpose. At length, perceiving no disposition on the part of the town to comply with his requisitions, he appealed to the commander of her Britannic Majesty's schooner "Bermuda," who was seen to have intercourse, to interpose, and persuade them to take some course calculated to save the necessity of resorting to the extreme measure indicated in his proclamation; but that officer, instead of acceding to the request, did nothing more than to protest against the contemplated bombardment. No steps of any sort were taken by the people to give the satisfaction required. No individuals, if any there were, who regarded themselves as not responsible for the misconduct of the community, adopted any means to separate themselves from the fate of the guilty. The several charges, on which the demands for redress were founded, had been publicly known to all for some time, and were again announced to them. They did not deny any of these charges; they offered no explanation, nothing in extenuation of their conduct; but contumaciously refused to hold any intercourse with the commander of the "Cyane." By their obstinate silence they seemed rather desirous to provoke chastisement than to escape it. There is ample reason to believe that this conduct of wanton defiance, on their part, is imputable chiefly to the delusive idea that the American government would be deterred from punishing them, through fear of displeasing a formidable foreign power, which, they presumed to think, looked with complacency upon their aggressive and insulting deportment towards the United States. The "Cyane" at length fired upon the town. Before much injury had been done, the fire was twice suspended, in order to afford opportunity for an arrangement; but this was declined. Most of the buildings of the place,

of little value generally, were, in the sequel, destroyed; but, owing to the considerate precautions taken by our naval commander, there was no destruction of life.

When the "Cyane" was ordered to Central America, it was confidently hoped and expected that no occasion would arise for "a resort to violence and destruction of property and loss of life." Instructions to that effect were given to her commander. And no extreme act would have been requisite had not the people themselves, by their extraordinary conduct in the affair, frustrated all the possible mild measures for obtaining satisfaction. A withdrawal from the place, the object of his visit entirely defeated, would, under the circumstances in which the commander of the Cyane found himself, have been absolute abandonment of all claim of our citizens for indemnification, and submissive acquiescence in national indignity. It would have encouraged in these lawless men a spirit of insolence and rapine most dangerous to the lives and property of our citizens at Punta Arenas, and probably emboldened them to grasp at the treasures and valuable merchandise continually passing over the Nicaragua route. It certainly would have been most satisfactory to me if the objects of the "Cyane's" mission could have been consummated without any act of public force; but the arrogant contumacy of the offenders rendered it impossible to avoid the alternative, either to break up their establishment, or to leave them impressed with the idea that they might persevere with impunity in a career of insolence and plunder.

This transaction has been the subject of complaint on the part of some foreign powers, and has been characterized with more of harshness than of justice. If comparisons were to be instituted, it would not be difficult to present repeated instances in the history of states, standing in the very front of modern civilization, where communities, far less offending and more defenceless than Greytown, have been chastised with much greater severity, and where not cities only have been laid in ruins, but human life has been recklessly sacrificed, and the blood of the innocent made profusely to mingle with that of the guilty.

Passing from foreign to domestic affairs, your attention is naturally directed to the financial condition of the country, always a subject of general interest. For complete and exact information regarding the finances, and the various branches of the public service connected therewith, I refer you to the report of the Secretary of the Treasury; from which it will appear, that the amount of revenue during the last fiscal year, from all sources, was seventy-three million five hundred and forty-nine thousand seven hundred and five dollars; and that the public expenditures for the same period, exclusive of payments on account of the public debt, amounted to fifty-one million eighteen thousand two hundred and forty-nine dollars. During the same period, the payments made in redemption of the public debt, including interest and premium, amounted to twenty-four million three hundred and thirty-six thousand three hundred and eighty dollars. To the sum total of the receipts of that year is to be added a balance remaining in the Treasury at the commencement thereof, amounting to twenty-one million nine hundred and forty-

two thousand eight hundred and ninety-two dollars; and at the close of the same year, a corresponding balance, amounting to twenty million one hundred and thirty-seven thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven dollars of receipts above expenditures, also remained in the Treasury. Although, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Treasury, the receipts of the current fiscal year are not likely to equal in amount those of the last, yet they will undoubtedly exceed the amount of expenditures by at least fifteen millions of dollars. I shall, therefore, continue to direct that the surplus revenue be applied, so far as it can be judiciously and economically done, to the reduction of the public debt, the amount of which, at the commencement of the last fiscal year, was sixty-seven million three hundred and forty thousand six hundred and twenty-eight dollars; of which there had been paid on the twentieth day of November 1854, the sum of twenty-two million three hundred and sixty-five thousand one hundred and seventy-two dollars; leaving a balance of outstanding public debt of only forty-four million nine hundred and seventy-five thousand four hundred and fifty-six dollars, redeemable at different periods within fourteen years. There are also remnants of other government stocks, most of which are already due, and on which the interest has ceased, but which have not yet been presented for payment, amounting to two hundred and thirty-three thousand one hundred and seventy-nine dollars. This statement exhibits the fact, that the annual income of the government greatly exceeds the amount of its public debt, which latter remains unpaid, only because the time of payment has not yet matured, and it cannot be discharged at once, except at the option of public creditors, who prefer to retain the securities of the United States; and the other fact, not less striking, that the annual revenue from all sources exceeds, by many millions of dollars, the amount needed for a prudent and economical administration of the Government.

The estimates presented to Congress from the different Executive Departments, at the last session, amounted to thirty-eight million four hundred and six thousand five hundred and eighty-one dollars; and the appropriations made, to the sum of fifty-eight million one hundred and sixteen thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight dollars. Of this excess of appropriations over estimates, however, more than twenty millions was applicable to extraordinary objects having no reference to the usual annual expenditures. Among these objects was embraced ten millions to meet the third article of the treaty between the United States and Mexico; so that, in fact, for objects of ordinary expenditure, the appropriations were limited to considerably less than forty millions of dollars. I therefore renew my recommendation for a reduction of the duties on imports. The report of the Secretary of the Treasury presents a series of tables showing the operation of the revenue system for several successive years; and as the general principle of reduction of duties with a view to revenue and not protection may now be regarded as the settled policy of the country, I trust that little difficulty will be encountered in settling the details of a measure to that effect.

In connexion with this subject, I recommend a change in the laws which recent experience has shown to be essential to the pro-

tection of the government. There is no express provision of law requiring the records and papers of a public character, of the several officers of the government, to be left in their offices for the use of their successors, nor any provision declaring it felony on their part to make false entries in the books, or return false accounts. In the absence of such express provision by law, the outgoing officers, in many instances, have claimed and exercised the right to take into their own possession important books and papers, on the ground that these were their private property; and have placed them beyond the reach of the government. Conduct of this character, brought in several instances to the notice of the present Secretary of the Treasury, naturally awakened his suspicion, and resulted in the disclosure that at four ports—namely, Oswego, Toledo, Sandusky, and Milwaukie—the treasury had, by false entries, been defrauded, within the four years next preceding March, 1853, of the sum of one hundred and ninety-eight thousand dollars. The great difficulty with which the detection of these frauds has been attended, in consequence of the abstraction of books and papers by the retiring officers, and the facility with which similar frauds in the public service may be perpetrated, render the necessity of new legal enactments, in the respects above referred to, quite obvious. For other material modifications of the revenue laws which seem to me desirable, I refer you to the report of the Secretary of the Treasury. That report, and the tables which accompany it, furnish ample proofs of the solid foundation on which the financial security of the country rests, and of the salutary influence of the independent treasury system upon commerce and all monetary operations.

The experience of the last year furnishes additional reasons, I regret to say, of a painful character, for the recommendation heretofore made to provide for increasing the military force employed in the territory inhabited by the Indians. The settlers on the frontier have suffered much from the incursions of predatory bands, and large parties of emigrants to our Pacific possessions have been massacred with impunity. The recurrence of such scenes can only be prevented by teaching these wild tribes the power of, and their responsibility to, the United States. From the garrisons of our frontier posts, it is only possible to detach troops in small bodies; and though these have on all occasions displayed a gallantry and a stern devotion to duty which on a larger field would have commanded universal admiration, they have usually suffered severely in these conflicts with superior numbers, and have sometimes been entirely sacrificed. All the disposable force of the army is already employed on this service, and is known to be wholly inadequate to the protection which should be afforded. The public mind of the country has been recently shocked by savage atrocities committed upon defenceless emigrants and border settlements, and hardly less by the unnecessary destruction of valuable lives, where inadequate detachments of troops have undertaken to furnish the needed aid. Without increase of the military force, these scenes will be repeated, it is to be feared, on a larger scale, and with more disastrous consequences. Congress, I am sure, will perceive that the plainest duties and responsibilities of government are involved in this question, and I doubt not that prompt action may be confidently anticipated when delay must be attended by such fearful hazards.

The bill of the last session providing for an increase of the pay of the rank and file of the army has had beneficial results, not only in facilitating enlistments, but in obvious improvement in the class of men who enter the service. I regret that corresponding consideration was not bestowed on the officers, who, in view of their character and services, and the expenses to which they are necessarily subject, receive at present what is, in my judgment, inadequate compensation.

The valuable services constantly rendered by the army, and its inestimable importance, as the nucleus around which the volunteer forces of the nation can promptly gather in the hour of danger, sufficiently attest the wisdom of maintaining a military peace establishment; but the theory of our system, and the wise practice under it, require that any proposed augmentation, in time of peace, be only commensurate with our extended limits and frontier relations. While scrupulously adhering to this principle, I find, in existing circumstances, a necessity for increase of our military force, and it is believed that four new regiments, two of infantry and two of mounted men, will be sufficient to meet the present exigency. If it were necessary carefully to weigh the cost in a case of such urgency, it would be shown that the additional expense would be comparatively light.

With the increase of the numerical force of the army should, I think, be combined certain measures of reform in its organic arrangement and administration. The present organization is the result of partial legislation often directed to special objects and interests; and the laws regulating rank and command, having been adopted many years ago from the British code, are not always applicable to our service. It is not surprising, therefore, that the system should be deficient in the symmetry and simplicity essential to the harmonious working of its several parts, and require a careful revision.

The present organization, by maintaining large staff corps or departments, separates many officers from that close connexion with troops, and those active duties in the field, which are deemed requisite to qualify them for the varied responsibilities of high command. Were the duties of the army staff mainly discharged by officers detached from their regiments, it is believed that the special service would be equally well performed, and the discipline and instruction of the army be improved. While due regard to the security of the rights of officers, and to the nice sense of honor which should be cultivated among them, would seem to exact compliance with the established rule of promotion in ordinary cases, still it can hardly be doubted that the range of promotion by selection, which is now practically confined to the grade of general officers, might be somewhat extended with benefit to the public service. Observance of the rule of seniority sometimes leads, especially in time of peace, to the promotion of officers who, after meritorious and even distinguished service, may have been rendered by age or infirmity incapable of performing active duty, and whose advancement, therefore, would tend to impair the efficiency of the army. Suitable provision for this class of officers, by the creation of a retired list, would remedy the evil, without wounding the just pride of men who, by past services, have established a claim to high consideration. In again commending this measure to the favorable consideration of

Congress, I would suggest that the power of placing officers on the retired list be limited to one year. The practical operation of the measure would thus be tested, and if, after the lapse of years, there should be occasion to renew the provision, it can be reproduced with any improvements which experience may indicate. The present organization of the artillery into regiments is liable to obvious objections. The service of artillery is that of batteries, and an organization of batteries into a corps of artillery would be more consistent with the nature of their duties. A large part of the troops now called artillery are, and have been, on duty as infantry, the distinction between the two arms being merely nominal. This nominal artillery in our service is disproportionate to the whole force, and greater than the wants of the country demand. I therefore commend the discontinuance of a distinction, which has no foundation in either the arms used or the character of the service expected to be performed.

In connection with the proposition for the increase of the army, I have presented these suggestions with regard to certain measures of reform, as the complement of a system which would produce the happiest results from a given expenditure, and which I hope may attract the early attention, and be deemed worthy of the approval, of Congress.

The recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy having reference to more ample provisions for the discipline and general improvement in the character of seamen, and for the reorganization and gradual increase of the navy, I deem eminently worthy of your favorable consideration. The principles which have controlled our policy in relation to the permanent military force, by sea and land, are sound, consistent with the theory of our system, and should by no means be disregarded. But, limiting the force to the objects particularly set forth in the preceding part of this message, we should not overlook the present magnitude and prospective extension of our commercial marine, nor fail to give due weight to the fact that, besides the two thousand miles of Atlantic seaboard, we have now a Pacific coast, stretching from Mexico to the British possessions in the north, teeming with wealth and enterprise, and demanding the constant presence of ships-of-war. The augmentation of the navy has not kept pace with the duties properly and profitably assigned to it in time of peace, and it is inadequate for the large field of its operations, not merely in the present but still more in the progressively increasing exigencies of the wealth and commerce of the United States. I cordially approve of the proposed apprentice system for our national vessels, recommended by the Secretary of the Navy.

The occurrence, during the last few months, of marine disasters of the most tragic nature, involving great loss of human life, has produced intense emotions of sympathy and sorrow throughout the country. It may well be doubted whether all these calamitous events are wholly attributable to the necessary and inevitable dangers of the sea. The merchants, mariners, and ship-builders of the United States, are, it is true, unsurpassed in far-reaching enterprise, skill, intelligence and courage, by any others in the world. But, with the increasing

amount of our commercial tonnage in the aggregate, and the larger size and improved equipment of the ships now constructed, a deficiency in the supply of reliable seamen begins to be very seriously felt. The inconvenience may, perhaps, be met, in part, by due regulation for the introduction into our merchant ships of indented apprentices; which, while it would afford useful and eligible occupation to numerous young men, would have a tendency to raise the character of seamen as a class. And it is deserving of serious reflection, whether it may not be desirable to revise the existing laws for the maintenance of discipline at sea, upon which the security of life and property on the ocean must to so great an extent depend. Although much attention has already been given by Congress to the proper construction and arrangement of steam-vessels and all passenger ships, still it is believed that the resources of science and mechanical skill in this direction have not been exhausted. No good reason exists for the marked distinction which appears upon our statutes between the laws for protecting life and property at sea, and those for protecting them on land. In most of the States severe penalties are provided to punish conductors of trains, engineers, and others employed in the transportation of persons by railway, or by steamboats on rivers. Why should not the same principle be applied to acts of insubordination, cowardice, or other misconduct on the part of masters and mariners, producing injury or death to passengers on the high seas, beyond the jurisdiction of any of the States, and where such delinquencies can be reached only by the power of Congress? The whole subject is earnestly commended to your consideration.

The report of the Postmaster General, to which you are referred for many interesting details in relation to this important and rapidly extending branch of the public service, shows that the expenditure of the year ending June 30, 1854, including one hundred and thirty-three thousand four hundred and eighty-three dollars of balance due to foreign offices, amounted to eight million seven hundred and ten thousand nine hundred and seven dollars. The gross receipts during the same period amounted to six million nine hundred and fifty-five thousand five hundred and eighty-six dollars: exhibiting an expenditure over income of one million seven hundred and fifty-five thousand three hundred and twenty-one dollars, and a diminution of deficiency, as compared with the last year, of three hundred and sixty-one thousand seven hundred and fifty-six dollars. The increase of the revenue of the department, for the year ending June 30, 1854, over the preceding year, was nine hundred and seventy thousand three hundred and ninety-nine dollars. No proportionate increase, however, can be anticipated for the current year, in consequence of the act of Congress of June 23, 1854, providing for increased compensation to all postmasters. From these statements it is apparent that the Post Office Department, instead of defraying its expenses, according to the design at the time of its creation, is now, and under existing laws must continue to be, to no small extent, a charge upon the general treasury. The cost of mail transportation, during the year ending June 30, 1854, exceeds the cost of the preceding year by four hundred and ninety-five thousand and seventy-four dollars. I again

call your attention to the subject of mail transportation by ocean steamers, and commend the suggestions of the Postmaster General to your early attention.

During the last fiscal year eleven million seventy thousand nine hundred and thirty-five acres of the public lands have been surveyed, and eight million one hundred and ninety thousand and seventeen acres brought into market. The number of acres sold is seven million thirty-five thousand seven hundred and thirty-five, and the amount received therefor nine million two hundred and eighty-five thousand five hundred and thirty-three dollars. The aggregate amount of lands sold, located under military scrip and land warrants, selected as swamp lands by States, and by locating under grants for roads, is upwards of twenty-three millions of acres. The increase of lands sold, over the previous year, is about six millions of acres; and the sales during the first two quarters of the current year present the extraordinary result of five and a half millions sold, exceeding by nearly four millions of acres the sales of the corresponding quarters of the last year.

The commendable policy of the government, in relation to setting apart public domain for those who have served their country in time of war, is illustrated by the fact, that since 1790 no less than thirty millions of acres have been applied to this object.

The suggestions, which I submitted in my annual message of last year, in reference to grants of land in aid of the construction of railways, were less full and explicit than the magnitude of the subject and subsequent developments would seem to render proper and desirable. Of the soundness of the principle then asserted with regard to the limitation of the power of Congress, I entertain no doubt; but in its application it is not enough that the value of lands in a particular locality may be enhanced; that, in fact, a larger amount of money may probably be received, in a given time, for alternate sections, than could have been realized for all the sections, without the impulse and influence of the proposed improvements. A prudent proprietor looks beyond limited sections of his domain, beyond present results, to the ultimate effect which a particular line of policy is likely to produce upon all his possessions and interests. The government, which is trustee, in this matter, for the people of the States, is bound to take the same wise and comprehensive view. Prior to and during the last session of Congress, upwards of thirty millions of acres of land were withdrawn from public sale with a view to applications for grants of this character pending before Congress. A careful review of the whole subject led me to direct that all such orders be abrogated, and the lands restored to market; and instructions were immediately given to that effect. The applications at the last session contemplated the construction of more than five thousand miles of road, and grants to the amount of nearly twenty millions of acres of the public domain. Even admitting the right on the part of Congress to be unquestionable, is it quite clear that the proposed grants would be productive of good, and not evil? The different projects are confined, for the present, to eleven States of this Union, and one Territory. The reasons assigned for the

grants, show that it is proposed to put the works speedily in process of construction. When we reflect, that since the commencement of the construction of railways in the United States, stimulated as they have been by the large dividends realized from the earlier works over the great thoroughfares, and between the most important points of commerce and population, encouraged by State legislation, and pressed forward by the amazing energy of private enterprise, only seventeen thousand miles have been completed in all the States in a quarter of a century;—when we see the crippled condition of many works commenced and prosecuted upon what were deemed to be sound principles, and safe calculations;—when we contemplate the enormous absorption of capital withdrawn from the ordinary channels of business, the extravagant rates of interest at this moment paid to continue operations, the bankruptcies not merely in money, but in character, and the inevitable effect upon finances generally;—can it be doubted that the tendency is to run to excess in this matter? Is it wise to augment this excess by encouraging hopes of sudden wealth expected to flow from magnificent schemes dependent upon the action of Congress? Does the spirit which has produced such results need to be stimulated or checked? Is it not the better rule to leave all these works to private enterprise, regulated, and, when expedient, aided, by the co-operation of States? If constructed by private capital, the stimulant and the check go together, and furnish a salutary restraint against speculative schemes and extravagance. But it is manifest that, with the most effective guards, there is danger of going too fast and too far.

We may well pause before a proposition contemplating a simultaneous movement for the construction of railroads, which, in extent, will equal, exclusive of the great Pacific road and all its branches, nearly one-third of the entire length of such works, now completed, in the United States, and which cannot cost, with equipments, less than one hundred and fifty millions of dollars. The dangers likely to result from combinations of interests of this character, can hardly be over-estimated. But, independently of these considerations, where is the accurate knowledge, the comprehensive intelligence, which shall discriminate between the relative claims of these twenty-eight proposed roads, in eleven States and one Territory? Where will you begin, and where end? If to enable these companies to execute their proposed works, it is necessary that the aid of the general government be primarily given, the policy will present a problem so comprehensive in its bearings, and so important to our political and social well-being, as to claim, in anticipation, the severest analysis. Entertaining these views, I recur with satisfaction to the experience and action of the last session of Congress, as furnishing assurance that the subject will not fail to elicit a careful re-examination and rigid scrutiny.

It was my intention to present, on this occasion, some suggestions regarding internal improvements by the general government, which want of time at the close of the last session prevented my submitting on the return to the House of Representatives, with objections, of the bill entitled "An act making appropriations for the repair, preser-

vation and completion of certain public works heretofore commenced under authority of law;" but the space in this communication already occupied with other matter of immediate public exigency constrains me to reserve that subject for a special message, which will be transmitted to the two houses of Congress at an early day.

The judicial establishment of the United States requires modification, and certain reforms in the manner of conducting the legal business of the government are also much needed; but as I have addressed you upon both of these subjects at length before, I have only to call your attention to the suggestions then made.

My former recommendations in relation to suitable provision for various objects of deep interest to the inhabitants of the District of Columbia, are renewed. Many of these objects partake largely of a national character, and are important, independently of their relation to the prosperity of the only considerable organized community in the Union, entirely unrepresented in Congress.

I have thus presented suggestions on such subjects as appear to me to be of particular interest or importance, and therefore most worthy of consideration during the short remaining period allotted to the labors of the present Congress.

Our forefathers of the thirteen United Colonies, in acquiring their independence, and in founding this Republic of the United States of America, have devolved upon us, their descendants, the greatest and the most noble trust ever committed to the hands of man, imposing upon all, and especially such as the public will may have invested, for the time being, with political functions, the most sacred obligations. We have to maintain inviolate the great doctrine of the inherent right of popular self-government; to reconcile the largest liberty of the individual citizen, with complete security of the public order; to render cheerful obedience to the laws of the land, to unite in enforcing their execution, and to frown indignantly on all combinations to resist them; to harmonize a sincere and ardent devotion to the institutions of religious faith with the most universal religious toleration; to preserve the rights of all by causing each to respect those of the other; to carry forward every social improvement to the uttermost limit of human perfectibility, by the free action of mind upon mind, not by the obtrusive intervention of misapplied force; to uphold the integrity and guard the limitations of our organic law; to preserve sacred from all touch of usurpation, as the very palladium of our political salvation, the reserved rights and powers of the several States and of the people; to cherish, with loyal fealty and devoted affection, this Union, as the only sure foundation on which the hopes of civil liberty rest; to administer government with vigilant integrity and rigid economy; to cultivate peace and friendship with foreign nations, and to demand and exact equal justice from all, but to do wrong to none; to eschew intermeddling with the national policy and the domestic repose of other governments, and to repel it from our own; never to shrink from war when the rights and the honor of the country call us to arms, but to cultivate in preference the arts of peace, seek enlargement of the rights

of neutrality, and elevate and liberalize the intercourse of nations; and by such just and honorable means, and such only, whilst exalting the condition of the Republic, to assure to it the legitimate influence and the benign authority of a great example amongst all the powers of Christendom.

Under the solemnity of these convictions, the blessing of Almighty God is earnestly invoked to attend upon your deliberations, and upon all the counsels and acts of the government, to the end that, with common zeal and common efforts, we may, in humble submission to the Divine will, co-operate for the promotion of the supreme good of these United States.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, *December 4, 1854.*

Mr. Houston moved that the said message and accompanying documents be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed; and also that twenty thousand copies extra of the same be printed.

Pending which,

Mr. Boyce moved to amend the same, by striking out "twenty thousand," and inserting "*thirty thousand*" in lieu thereof.

Pending which,

Mr. George W. Jones moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and, under the operation thereof, the said amendment was disagreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the motion submitted by Mr. Houston was agreed to.

So it was

Ordered, That the message and accompanying documents be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed; and also that twenty thousand copies extra of the same be printed.

By unanimous consent, leave was granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of papers in the following cases, for the purpose of reference to the executive departments, viz:

By Mr. Olds—in the case of Samuel F. Yeoman;

By Mr. Hibbard—in the case of Bela Young;

By Mr. Bernhisel—in the case of Dimmick B. Huntington; and

By Mr. Harlan—in the case of Benjamin Sayre.

On motion of Mr. Haven,

Ordered, That the Speaker be authorized to appoint the regular standing committees for the present session.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Sollers, at 3 o'clock and 23 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1854.

Several other members appeared and took their seats, viz :

From the State of Massachusetts—J. Wiley Edmands.

From the State of Pennsylvania—Christian M. Straub.

From the State of North Carolina—Henry M. Shaw.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit :

By Mr. Rowe: The petition of William P. Pepper, James Farley, and William A. Bull, route-agents on the Hudson River railroad, for an increase of compensation for their services.

By Mr. Ashe: The memorial of the Wilmington and Raleigh Railroad Company of the State of North Carolina, for compensation for damages sustained in transporting the United States mails on said road.

Ordered, That said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Vail: The petition of the heirs of William McFarlan, a soldier of the war of 1812, for bounty land; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. John Perkins: The petition of Ruhama Whitaker, widow of Aquilla Whitaker, and Rebecca Whitaker, her daughter, for confirmation of title to two tracts of land in the State of Louisiana; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. May: The petition of Jonas W. Nyc, assignee of Peter Bargy, jr., for compensation for work done and material furnished upon a contract to grade and pave Pennsylvania avenue, Washington city, in the year 1832; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Kittredge: The petition of George W. McCerren—heretofore presented May 15, 1850;

Also, the petition of Whitemarsh B. Seabrook, Joseph Whaley, Christopher Wilkinson, Andrew Seabrook, and others, soldiers of the war of 1812—heretofore presented December 8, 1852.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Macdonald: The petition of the salaried clerks employed in the navy-yard at Gosport, Virginia, for increase of compensation; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Florence: The memorial of the society for the relief of poor and distressed masters of ships, their widows and children, of the port of Philadelphia, that it be made obligatory for all ships and vessels of 150 tons and upwards, clearing at the custom-house, to be furnished with two or more boys as apprentices; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Also, the petition of Joseph Nock for a renewal and extension of his patent for mail locks; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Also, the petition of Joseph Nock for indemnity on account of the failure of the government to comply with their contract in relation to mail-locks—heretofore presented January 3, 1842; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Upham: The certificate of Thomas Findley and others, in support of the petition in behalf of Edwin Gardner, of Marblehead,

Massachusetts; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, the petition of the heirs of Captain James Mugford, of Marblehead, Massachusetts, and crew of the continental cruiser Franklin, in 1776, for prize money due them for the capture of the British armed transport ship Hope; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Hibbard: The petition of Bela Young—heretofore presented December 23, 1852.

By Mr. Etheridge: The petition of Christopher H. Williams, and others, in behalf of Thomas Boatwright, an invalid soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Clingman: The petition of William Anderson, for a pension on account of his military services under General Wayne against the Indians in 1792; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. John L. Taylor: The petition of S. M. Grimes and T. Sherer, register and receiver of the land office at Chillicothe, Ohio, for increase of compensation for services under the act reducing the price of public lands; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Caruthers: The petition of Messrs. Hartley & Long, for return of rent collected by the United States for mines not owned by the government; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Richard H. Stanton: The petition of John W. King, one of the creditors of the late republic of Texas, asking for relief in relation to said debt; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Lamb: The petition of citizens of Marion county, Missouri, for an appropriation to establish certain roads in the Territories of Washington, Oregon, and Nebraska.

By Mr. Etheridge: The petition of John Dugan, a soldier of the late war with Mexico, for back pay and bounty land due him for said services.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Chastain: The petition of Johnson K. Rogers, on behalf of himself and the Cherokee Indians in States east, for additional *per capita* claimed to be due them under the Cherokee treaties of 1835-'36 and 1846; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Haven: The petition of Isaac S. Smith, of Buffalo, New York, for relief on a light-house contract at Horse-Shoe reef; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Speaker announced that in pursuance of the authority conferred upon him yesterday by the order of the House, he had appointed the following members of the standing committees for the present session, viz:

Committee of Elections.—Mr. Richard H. Stanton, of Kentucky; Mr. James Gamble, of Pennsylvania; Mr. James L. Seward, of Georgia;

Mr. Orsamus B. Matteson, of New York; Mr. Nathan T. Stratton, of New Jersey; Mr. Edward Dickinson, of Massachusetts; Mr. George Bliss, of Ohio; Mr. Samuel Clark, of Michigan; and Mr. Francis M. Bristow, of Kentucky.

Committee of Ways and Means.—Mr. George S. Houston, of Alabama; Mr. George W. Jones, of Tennessee; Mr. Harry Hibbard, of New Hampshire; Mr. Alexander H. Stephens, of Georgia; Mr. John S. Phelps, of Missouri; Mr. William Appleton, of Massachusetts; Mr. John C. Breckinridge, of Kentucky; Mr. Solomon G. Haven, of New York; and Mr. John Robbins, jr., of Pennsylvania.

Committee of Claims.—Mr. Alfred P. Edgerton, of Ohio; Mr. John Letcher, of Virginia; Mr. Joshua R. Giddings, of Ohio; Mr. Carlton B. Curtis, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Daniel Mace, of Indiana; Mr. John G. Miller, of Missouri; Mr. Thomas Ruffin, of North Carolina; Mr. Charles Ready, of Tennessee; and Mr. William W. Boyce, of South Carolina.

Committee on Commerce.—Mr. Thos. J. D. Fuller, of Maine; Mr. John S. Millson, of Virginia; Mr. John Wentworth, of Illinois; Mr. Tappan Wentworth, of Massachusetts; Mr. William Aiken, of South Carolina; Mr. Aaron Harlan, of Ohio; Mr. George W. Morrison, of New Hampshire; Mr. William Dunbar, of Louisiana; and Mr. Reuben E. Fenton, of New York.

Committee on Public Lands.—Mr. David T. Disney, of Ohio; Mr. W. R. W. Cobb, of Alabama; Mr. Henry Bennett, of New York; Mr. Bernhart Henn, of Iowa; Mr. Milton S. Latham, of California; Mr. Isaac E. Hiestor, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Hestor L. Stevens, of Michigan; Mr. Samuel Caruthers, of Missouri; and Mr. Edward A. Warren, of Arkansas.

Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.—Mr. Edson B. Olds, of Ohio; Mr. Paulus Powell, of Virginia; Mr. C. W. Upham, of Massachusetts; Mr. D. T. Jones, of New York; Mr. W. P. Harris, of Mississippi; Mr. Asa Packer, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Jesse O. Norton, of Illinois; Mr. J. A. McDougall, of California; and Mr. Joshua Vansant, of Maryland.

Committee for the District of Columbia.—Mr. William T. Hamilton, of Maryland; Mr. William O. Goode, of Virginia; Mr. Richard Yates, of Illinois; Mr. John G. Davis, of Indiana; Mr. David A. Noble, of Michigan; Mr. John Dick, of Pennsylvania; Mr. William S. Barry, of Mississippi; Mr. William Cullom, of Tennessee; and Mr. John J. Taylor, of New York.

Committee on the Judiciary.—Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, of Tennessee; Mr. John S. Caskie, of Virginia; Mr. James Meacham, of Vermont; Mr. Origen S. Seymour, of Connecticut; Mr. Samuel W. Parker, of Indiana; Mr. Hendrick B. Wright, of Pennsylvania; Mr. John Kerr, of North Carolina; Mr. Francis B. Cutting, of New York; and Mr. Henry May, of Maryland.

Committee on Revolutionary Claims.—Mr. R. W. Peckham, of New York; Mr. Augustus Drum, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Moses B. Corwin, of Ohio; Mr. John M. Elliott, of Kentucky; Mr. Jacob Shower, of Maryland; Mr. Sion H. Rogers, of North Carolina; Mr. James C.

Allen, of Illinois; Mr. Samuel L. Crocker, of Massachusetts; and Mr. Norman Eddy, of Indiana.

Committee on Public Expenditures.—Mr. William H. Kurtz, of Pennsylvania; Mr. George Hastings, of New York; Mr. Alexander C. M. Pennington, of New Jersey; Mr. Preston S. Brooks, of South Carolina; Mr. James C. Allen, of Illinois; Mr. Robert M. Bugg, of Tennessee; Mr. David Stuart, of Michigan; Mr. John Z. Goodrich, of Massachusetts; and Mr. Alexander De Witt, of Massachusetts.

Committee on Private Land Claims.—Mr. Junius Hillyer, of Georgia; Mr. James H. Lane, of Indiana; Mr. James Abercrombie, of Alabama; Mr. P. H. Bell, of Texas; Mr. Samuel A. Smith, of Tennessee; Mr. Roland Jones, of Louisiana; Mr. Charles Hughes, of New York; Mr. Matthias H. Nichols, of Ohio; and Mr. Theodoric R. Westbrook, of New York.

Committee on Manufactures.—Mr. John McNair, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Thomas Davis, of Rhode Island; Mr. John R. Franklin, of Maryland; Mr. Hiram Walbridge, of New York; Mr. George W. Kittredge, of New Hampshire; Mr. Samuel Mayall, of Maine; Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne, of Illinois; Mr. James F. Dowdell, of Alabama; and Mr. Caleb Lyon, of New York.

Committee on Agriculture.—Mr. John L. Dawson, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Fayette McMullen, of Virginia; Mr. Willis Allen, of Illinois; Mr. R. C. Puryear, of North Carolina; Mr. W. D. Lindsley, of Ohio; Mr. Samuel Clark, of Michigan; Mr. William Murray, of New York; Mr. John P. Cook, of Iowa; and Mr. Samuel Lilly, of New Jersey.

Committee on Indian Affairs.—Mr. James L. Orr, of South Carolina; Mr. Ben C. Eastman, of Wisconsin; Mr. Galusha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Edward Ball, of Ohio; Mr. Augustus E. Maxwell, of Florida; Mr. Daniel B. Wright, of Mississippi; Mr. Alfred B. Greenwood, of Arkansas; Mr. Benjamin Pringle, of New York; and Mr. Milton S. Latham, of California.

Committee on Military Affairs.—Mr. William H. Bissell, of Illinois; Mr. Thomas H. Benton, of Missouri; Mr. Charles J. Faulkner, of Virginia; Mr. Thomas M. Howe, of Pennsylvania; Mr. William R. Smith, of Alabama; Mr. Nathaniel P. Banks, jr., of Massachusetts; Mr. J. A. McDougall, of California; Mr. Emerson Etheridge, of Tennessee; and Mr. Theodore G. Hunt, of Louisiana.

Committee on the Militia.—Mr. Elijah W. Chastain, of Georgia; Mr. Jared V. Peck, of New York; Mr. William Everhart, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Zedekiah Kidwell, of Virginia; Mr. William R. Sapp, of Ohio; Mr. Samuel P. Benson, of Maine; Mr. John B. Macy, of Wisconsin; Mr. Edward Wade, of Ohio; and Mr. James Maurice, of New York.

Committee on Naval Affairs.—Mr. Thomas S. Bocock, of Virginia; Mr. Moses Macdonald, of Maine; Mr. George W. Chase, of New York; Mr. William S. Ashe, of North Carolina; Mr. T. B. Florence, of Pennsylvania; Mr. F. K. Zollicoffer, of Tennessee; Mr. Charles Skelton, of New Jersey; Mr. A. H. Colquitt, of Georgia; and Mr. Augustus R. Solters, of Maryland.

Committee on Foreign Affairs.—Mr. Thomas H. Bayly, of Virginia; Mr. Sampson W. Harris, of Alabama; Mr. Joseph R. Chandler, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Colin M. Ingersoll, of Connecticut; Mr. Thomas L.

Clingman, of North Carolina; Mr. Wilson Shannon, of Ohio; Mr. William Preston, of Kentucky; Mr. John Perkins, jr., of Louisiana; and Mr. John J. Taylor, of New York.

Committee on the Territories.—Mr. William A. Richardson, of Illinois; Mr. John McQueen, of South Carolina; Mr. John L. Taylor, of Ohio; Mr. D. J. Bailey, of Georgia; Mr. G. W. Smyth, of Texas; Mr. E. Wilder Farley, of Maine; Mr. William H. English, of Indiana; Mr. Philip Phillips, of Alabama; and Mr. A. W. Lamb, of Missouri.

Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.—Mr. William M. Churchwell, of Tennessee; Mr. Henry A. Edmundson, of Virginia; Mr. Israel Washburn, jr., of Maine; Mr. Peter Rowe, of New York; Mr. Ner Middleswarth, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Andrew Ellison, of Ohio; Mr. James J. Lindley, of Missouri; Mr. Smith Miller, of Indiana; and Thomas T. Flagler, of New York.

Committee on Invalid Pensions.—Mr. Thomas A. Hendricks, of Indiana; Mr. Christian M. Straub, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Russell Sage, of New York; Mr. George Vail, of New Jersey; Mr. James S. Chrisman, of Kentucky; Mr. Andrew Stuart, of Ohio; Mr. W. B. W. Dent, of Georgia; Mr. J. Wiley Edmands, of Massachusetts; and Mr. William M. Tweed, of New York.

Committee on Roads and Canals.—Mr. Cyrus L. Dunham, of Indiana; Mr. George Read Riddle, of Delaware; Mr. Lewis D. Campbell, of Ohio; Mr. J. T. Pratt, of Connecticut; Mr. William A. Walker, of New York; Mr. David Ritchie, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Henry M. Shaw, of North Carolina; Mr. Leander M. Cox, of Kentucky; and Mr. William Barksdale, of Mississippi.

Committee on Patents.—Mr. Benjamin B. Thurston, of Rhode Island; Mr. Samuel A. Bridges, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Andrew Tracy, of Vermont; Mr. Bishop Perkins, of New York; and Mr. Clement S. Hill, of Kentucky.

Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.—Mr. Burton Craige, of North Carolina; Mr. Nathan Belcher, of Connecticut; Mr. John L. Taylor, of Ohio; Mr. Lawrence M. Keitt, of South Carolina; and Mr. Ebenezer M. Chamberlain, of Indiana.

Committee on Revisal and Unfinished Business.—Mr. W. R. W. Cobb, of Alabama; Mr. John McNair, of Pennsylvania; Mr. John McCulloch, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Andrew Stuart, of Ohio; and Mr. Alvah Sabin, of Vermont.

Committee on Accounts.—Mr. Carlton B. Curtis, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Andrew Oliver, of New York; Mr. Edwin B. Morgan, of New York; Mr. Thomas Ritchey, of Ohio; and Mr. Otho R. Singleton, of Mississippi.

Committee on Mileage.—Mr. Andrew J. Harlan, of Indiana; Mr. William H. Witte, of Pennsylvania; Mr. David A. Reese, of Georgia; Mr. Harvey H. Johnson, of Ohio; and Mr. James Knox, of Illinois.

Committee on Engraving.—Mr. George Read Riddle, of Delaware; Mr. Mike Walsh, of New York; and Mr. George A. Simmons, of New York.

Committee on the Library.—Mr. Joseph R. Chandler, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Thomas H. Benton, of Missouri; and Mr. Charles J. Faulkner, of Virginia.

Joint Committee on Printing.—Mr. William Murray, of New York; Mr. Richard H. Stanton, of Kentucky; and Mr. Samuel L. Russell, of Pennsylvania.

Committee on Enrolled Bills.—Mr. Frederick W. Green, of Ohio; and Mr. Alexander De Witt, of Massachusetts.

The following committees were appointed at the last session, under the rule, for the present Congress, viz:

Committee on Expenditures in the State Department.—Mr. Daniel Wells, jr., of Wisconsin; Mr. George Vail, of New Jersey; Mr. Samuel L. Crocker, of Massachusetts; Mr. Samuel A. Smith, of Tennessee; and Mr. Thomas T. Flagler, of New York.

Committee on Expenditures in the Treasury Department.—Mr. David Stuart, of Michigan; Mr. Thomas W. Cumming, of New York; Mr. Mordecai Oliver, of Missouri; Mr. Michael C. Trout, of Pennsylvania; and Mr. Edward Wade, of Ohio.

Committee on Expenditures in the War Department.—Mr. George W. Kittredge, of New Hampshire; Mr. John Wheeler, of New York; Mr. Ner Middleswarth, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Davis Carpenter, of New York; and Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne, of Illinois.

Committee on Expenditures in the Navy Department.—Mr. Fayette McMullen, of Virginia; Mr. Thomas Ritchey, of Ohio; Mr. C. W. Upham, of Massachusetts; Mr. James F. Dowdell, of Alabama; and Mr. A. C. M. Pennington, of New Jersey.

Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department.—Mr. Samuel Lilly, of New Jersey; Mr. Smith Miller, of Indiana; Mr. Samuel P. Benson, of Maine; Mr. James L. Seward, of Georgia; and Mr. James Abercrombie, of Alabama.

Committee on Expenditures on the Public Buildings.—Mr. Henry A. Edmundson, of Virginia; Mr. Mike Walsh, of New York; Mr. Alvah Sabin, of Vermont; Mr. Michael C. Trout, of Pennsylvania; and Mr. Thomas W. Cumming, of New York.

On motion of Mr. Houston, the vote by which it was referred to the Committee on Printing to inquire into the expediency of printing extra copies of the veto message on the river and harbor bill was reconsidered, and Mr. Houston withdrew the motion to refer.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the state of the finances; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bernhisel, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of refunding to the Territory of Utah the expenses incurred by said Territory in suppressing Indian hostilities in the year 1853, and that said committee report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Letcher, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the committee raised by the resolution adopted by the House of Representatives on the 10th day of July last, be continued, and charged with the same powers and duties as at the last session of Congress.

Mr. Letcher moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table ; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Latham, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 547) to continue in force for a limited time the provisions of the act of Congress of March 3, 1851, and the second section of its supplement of January 18, 1854, so as to enable the Board of Land Commissioners in California to close their adjudications of private land titles in that State, and for other purposes ; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. George W. Smyth, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 548) supplementary to an act entitled "An act proposing to the State of Texas the establishment of her northern and western boundaries, the relinquishment by the State of all territory claimed by her exterior to said boundaries, and of all her claims upon the United States, and to establish a territorial government for New Mexico," approved September 9, 1850 ; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Phillips, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 549) making a further appropriation for completing the improvement of Mobile bay ; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Etheridge, by unanimous consent, gave notice of his intention to submit an amendment to the homestead bill, (H. R. 37 ;) which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. English, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution ; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz :

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands inquire into the expediency of providing by law that no patent shall issue for land entered under the act of the last session "to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators," except upon satisfactory proof that said land has been in the actual possession and cultivation of the person applying for such patent for the period of three years, beginning within sixty days from the date of entry, or that such person has been in the actual possession and cultivation of an adjoining farm or plantation for the same period.

Mr. Cobb, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 550) to amend an act approved 4th of August, 1854, entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual cultivators and settlers ;" which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Chandler, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 551) making appropriation for completing the shelter, or harbor, at Reedy island, in the river Delaware ; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Speaker then resumed the call of the States for resolutions ;
When,

Mr. Rogers submitted the following resolution ; which lies over one day under the rule, viz :

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested, if not inconsistent with the public interest, to communicate, at his earliest

convenience, to this House, all the correspondence between this government and our minister at the Spanish court in relation to the Lopez expedition, and the persons engaged therein.

Mr. Phillips submitted the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to report a bill reducing the duties on railroad iron, or allowing credit thereon.

Pending which,

Mr. George W. Jones moved that it be laid on the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 97
Nays..... 71

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Appleton
David J. Bailey
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennett
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Joseph R. Chandler
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
John L. Dawson
John Dick
Edward Dickinson
J. Wiley Edmonds
Thomas D. Eliot
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
John E. Franklin
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Ben Edwards Grey
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan

Mr. Wiley P. Harris
Solomon G. Haven
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Heister
Junius Hillyer
George S. Houston
Thomas M. Howe
Theodore G. Hunt
Colin M. Ingersoll
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
John Letcher
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Meacham
Ner Middlewarth
Edwin B. Morgan
William Murray
Jared V. Peck
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Bishop Perkins
John S. Phelps
James T. Pratt
Benjamin Pringle
George Read Riddle
David Ritchie

Mr. John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Charles Skelton
George W. Smyth
Richard H. Stanton
Nathan T. Stratton
Christian M. Straub
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler
William H. Witte
Hendrick B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Willis Allen
Thomas H. Bayly
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barksdale
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman

Mr. Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Alfred H. Colquitt
Burton Craige
William Cullom
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar

Mr. Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
Henry A. Edmundson
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Reuben E. Fenton
William O. Goode
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
John Scott Harrison

Mr. George Hastings
Bernhart Henn
Clement S. Hill
John Kerr
James Knox
Milton S. Latham
Charles S. Lewis
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindsley
Fayette McMullen
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Augustus E. Maxwell
Samuel Mayall

Mr. John S. Millson
David A. Noble
Edson B. Olds
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Samuel W. Parker
John Perkins, jr.
Philip Phillips
Charles Ready
William A. Richardson
Sion H. Rogers
Thomas Ruffin
Henry M. Shaw
Otho R. Singleton

Mr. William Smith
William R. Smith
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Andrew Stuart
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Hiram Walbridge
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne
John Wentworth
Theodore R. Westbrook
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Florence moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Disney submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the clerks authorized to be employed by the standing committees at the last session be continued during the present session.

Pending which,

Mr. Richardson moved to amend the same, by adding thereto the following, viz: "*And the Committee on Territories is hereby authorized to appoint a clerk.*"

Pending which,

Debate arising thereon, the said resolution lies over, under the rule.

Notices were given of motions for leave to introduce bills as follows, viz:

By Mr. Grey: A bill providing for a grant of public lands, to aid in constructing a double-track railroad from some point on the Rio Grande, near El Paso, to the Pacific ocean.

By Mr. Nathaniel G. Taylor: A bill to repeal or modify the naturalization laws.

By Mr. Richardson: A bill to construct military roads through Nebraska and Washington Territories;

A bill to construct a military road through Kansas, Utah, and Oregon;

A bill to construct a military road through Kansas and New Mexico; and

A bill to improve the Mississippi river and its tributaries.

By Mr. Henn: A bill making a further appropriation for the improvement of the rapids in the Mississippi river.

By Mr. Sollers: A bill to prevent the enlistment of persons of foreign birth in the navy and army of the United States;

A bill to prevent the immigration of foreign paupers and convicts to the United States, and to increase the revenues of the government.

By Mr. Mordecai Oliver: A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators," approved August 4, 1854.

Mr. John Wentworth submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of establishing a national agricultural school, upon the same principle with the national naval and military schools, to have one

scholar educated at the public expense from each Congressional district, and to be established in connexion with the Smithsonian Institute, so as the better to carry out the object of its founder.

Debate arising thereon, it lies over, under the rule.

Mr. Henn submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Territories be instructed to inquire into the expediency of constructing a military road from Council Bluffs, Iowa, to New Fort Kearney, in the Territory of Nebraska.

On motion of Mr. Lancaster, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 435) entitled "An act making appropriations for the construction of certain military roads in the Territories of Nebraska and Washington;" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Territories.

On motion of Mr. Haven,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Roswell W. Haskins, for the purpose of reference in the Senate.

Mr. Chandler, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the special committee to whom, at the first session of the present Congress, was referred the subject of the investment of the funds of the Smithsonian Institution, be continued, with the powers and duties with which it was charged.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has chosen the Hon. Jesse D. Bright President of the Senate *pro tempore*.

And then he withdrew.

All of the States and Territories having been called for resolutions,

The Speaker announced as in order the following resolution, submitted yesterday by Mr. Sollers, viz:

Resolved, That the President of the United States inform this House (if not incompatible with the public interest) what was the object or objects of the meeting or conference of the American ministers at Ostend, and whether the said meeting or conference was held in obedience to instructions from the Secretary of State; what the said instructions were, and what was the result of the said meeting or conference.

After debate,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly moved that it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

After further debate,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly moved the previous question; which was seconded, and the main question ordered to be put.

Mr. Henn moved, at 2 o'clock and 55 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put, Shall the said resolution be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs?

And it was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 83
Nays..... 84

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William S. Ashe
David J. Bailey
Thomas H. Bayly
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Thomas S. Bocock
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Alfred H. Colquitt
Burton Craig
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar
Alfred P. Edgerton
Henry A. Edmundson
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Charles J. Faulkner
Reuben E. Fenton

Mr. Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
William O. Goode
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
William T. Hamilton
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Colin M. Ingersoll
Harvey H. Johnson
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
Milton S. Latham
Charles S. Lewis
William D. Lindeley
Moses Macdonald
Fayette McMullen
John B. Macy
Smith Miller
Edson B. Olds

Mr. James L. Orr
Bishop Perkins
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
George Read Riddle
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
Thomas Ruffin
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
Otho R. Singleton
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
Christian M. Straub
John J. Taylor
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Joshua Vansant
William A. Walker
John Wentworth
Theodor R. Westbrook
William H. Witte
Hendrick B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Appleton
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Henry Bennett
William W. Boyce
Francis M. Bristow
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Alexander De Witt
John Dick
Edward Dickinson
J. Wiley Edmonds
Thomas D. Eliot
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas T. Flagler
John R. Franklin
John Z. Goodrich
Ben Edwards Grey
Galusha A. Grey
Aaron Harlan
John Scott Harrison

Mr. Solomon G. Haven
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Junius Hillyer
Thomas M. Howe
Theodore G. Hunt
Daniel T. Jones
John Kerr
James Knox
John Letcher
James J. Lindley
John McCulloch
Daniel Mace
Orsamus B. Matteson
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
William Murray
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Benjamin Pringle
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
David Ritchie

Mr. Sion H. Rogers, jr.
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
George A. Simmons
Charles Skelton
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hester L. Stevens
Nathan T. Stratton
Andrew Stuart
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
Samuel H. Walley
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the motion to refer was disagreed to.

Pending the question on agreeing to the said resolution,
On motion of Mr. Grow, at 3 o'clock and 12 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

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Several other members appeared and took their seats, viz:

From the State of New York—Charles Hughes, Mike Walsh, and Francis B. Cutting.

From the State of Pennsylvania—Carlton B. Curtis and Augustus Drum.

From the State of Virginia—Paulus Powell.

From the State of Michigan—David Stuart.

From the State of Texas—Peter H. Bell.

The following petitions and other papers were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Farley: The petition of Caleb Stover, of Rockland, Maine, for increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, the petition of Charles Heavner, of Waldoborough, Maine, for an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Mace: The petition of Mrs. Jane E. Suter, widow of Dr. A. F. Suter—heretofore presented January 15, 1852; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Upham: The petition of citizens of Marblehead, Massachusetts, for a repeal of the duty on coal; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Farley: The petition of John Moore, of Cushing, State of Maine—heretofore presented July 2, 1852; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. John Wentworth: The petition of the heirs of Susan Underwood, widow of Captain William Underwood, a soldier of the Revolution, for arrears of pension;

Also, the petition of the heirs of Colonel William Lises—heretofore presented January 8, 1836.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Greenwood: The deposition of Pas-co-fer, a Seminole chief, for lost property during the first Indian and Florida war; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the following executive communications, viz:

I. A letter from the Treasurer of the United States, transmitting copies of his accounts for the third and fourth quarters of 1853, and the first quarter of 1854; which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, in compliance with the requirement of the act of August 31, 1852, a statement of the number and names of all the midshipmen in the navy, the district and State whence each one comes, those in attendance at the

Naval School, vacancies, &c.; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That 15,000 copies extra of the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the state of the finances be printed.

The Speaker having announced as the business first in order the resolution submitted by Mr. Sollers, and pending when the House adjourned yesterday, and upon which the main question was ordered to be put,

The same was read, as follows, viz :

Resolved, That the President of the United States inform this House, if not incompatible with the public interest, what was the object or objects of the meeting or conference of the American ministers at Ostend, and whether the said meeting or conference was held in obedience to instructions from the Secretary of State; what the said instructions were, and what was the result of the said meeting or conference.

Mr. Chastain moved that the resolution be laid on the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, {	Yeas.....	72
	Nays.....	90

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. Willis Allen
Thomas H. Bayly
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
George Bliss
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Burton Craige
Carlton B. Curtis
John L. Dawson
David T. Disney
Augustus Drum
William Dunbar
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
William O. Goode

Mr. Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
William T. Hamilton
Sampson W. Harris
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Charles Hughes
Colin M. Ingersoll
Harvey H. Johnson
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
William H. Kurtz
Charles S. Lewis
William D. Lindaley
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
John McQueen
John B. Macy
Augustus E. Maxwell
Smith Miller
Edson B. Olds

Mr. James L. Orr
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
Thomas Ruffin
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
Otho R. Singleton
William Smith
George W. Smyth
Christian M. Straub
John J. Taylor
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Mike Walsh
Edward A. Warren
William H. Witte.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. David J. Bailey
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Henry Bennett
Francis M. Bristow
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers

Mr. Joseph R. Chandler
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt
John Dick

Mr. Edward Dickinson
Ben C. Eastman
J. Wiley Edmands
Thomas D. Eliot
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas T. Flagler

Mr. John R. Franklin
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Galusha A. Grow
Aaron Harlan
John Scott Harrison
Solomon G. Haven
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Junius Hillyer
George S. Houston
Thomas M. Howe
Theodore G. Hunt
Daniel T. Jones
John Kerr
James Knox
John Letcher
James J. Lindley
John McCulloch
Daniel Mace
Orsamus B. Matteson
Samuel Mayall

Mr. James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
William Murray
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
John Perkins, jr.
Paulus Powell
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
David Ritchie
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp

Mr. George A. Simmons
Charles Skelton
William R. Smith
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Nathan T. Stratton
Andrew Stuart
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
Samuel H. Walley
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the House refused to lay the resolution on the table.

The question then recurred on agreeing to the resolution.

Pending which,

Mr. Skelton moved that the vote by which the House yesterday refused to refer the same to the Committee on Foreign Affairs be reconsidered.

Pending which,

Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

And the question being put on the latter motion, *

It was decided in the negative,	{ Yeas.....	84
	{ Nays	89

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Henry Bennett
Francis M. Bristow
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt
John Dick
Edward Dickinson
Augustus Drum
Ben C. Eastman
J. Wiley Edmands
Thomas D. Elliot
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas T. Flagler

Mr. John R. Franklin
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Ben Edwards Grey
Galusha A. Grow
Aaron Harlan
John Scott Harrison
Solomon G. Haven
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Theodore G. Hunt
Daniel T. Jones
John Kerr
James Knox
John Letcher
James J. Lindley
John McCulloch
Daniel Mace
Orsamus B. Matteson
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
John S. Millson

Mr. Edwin B. Morgan
William Murray
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Paulus Powell
Benjamin Pringle
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
David Ritchie
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
George A. Simmons
William R. Smith
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Nathan T. Stratton
Andrew Stuart
John L. Taylor

Mr. Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy

Mr. Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
Samuel H. Walley
Ellihu B. Washburne

Mr. Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappen Wentworth
John Wheeler
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Willis Allen
David J. Bailey
Thomas H. Bayly
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bocock
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Alfred H. Colquitt
Burton Craige
Carlton B. Curtis
John L. Dawson
David T. Disney
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller

Mr. Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
William T. Hamilton
Sampson W. Harris
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Junius Hillyer
George S. Houston
Charles Hughes
Colin M. Ingersoll
Harvey H. Johnson
J. Glancy Jones
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
Milton S. Latham
Charles S. Lewis
William D. Lindeley
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
John B. Macy
Angustus E. Maxwell
Smith Miller
Edson B. Olds
James L. Orr

Mr. Bishop Perkins
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
Thomas Ruffin
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
Otho R. Singleton
Charles Skelton
William Smith
George W. Smyth
Christian M. Straub
David Stuart
John J. Taylor
Michael C. Trout
Mike Walsh
Edward A. Warren
John Wentworth
Theodoric R. Westbrook
William H. Witte
Hendrick B. Wright.

So the House refused to lay upon the table the motion to reconsider.

The question then recurred on the motion to reconsider.

And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 93
Nays..... 83

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
David J. Bailey
Thomas H. Bayly
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bocock
Samuel A. Bridges
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Alfred H. Colquitt

Mr. Burton Craige
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
David T. Disney
William Dunbar
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
Henry A. Edmundson
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
William O. Goode
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood

Mr. William T. Hamilton
Sampson W. Harris
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Junius Hillyer
George S. Houston
Charles Hughes
Colin M. Ingersoll
Harvey H. Johnson
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb

Mr. Milton S. Latham
Charles S. Lewis
William D. Lindsley
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
John B. Macy
Augustus E. Maxwell
Smith Miller
Edson B. Olds
James L. Orr
Bishop Perkins
John Perkins, jr.

Mr. John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
Thomas Ruffin
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
Otho R. Singleton

Mr. Charles Skelton
William Smith
George W. Smyth
Christian M. Straub
David Stuart
John J. Taylor
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Mike Walsh
Edward A. Warren
John Wentworth
Theodor R. Westbrook
William H. Witte
Hendrick B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Henry Bennett
Francis M. Bristow
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Francis B. Cutting
Alexander De Witt
John Dick
Edward Dickinson
Augustus Drum
Ben C. Eastman
J. Wiley Edmonds
Thomas D. Eliot
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas T. Flagler
John R. Franklin
John Z. Goodrich
Ben Edwards Grey

Mr. Galusha A. Grow
Aaron Harlan
John Scott Harrison
Solomon G. Haven
Isaac E. Heister
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Theodore G. Hunt
Daniel T. Jones
John Kerr
James Knox
John Letcher
James J. Lindley
John McCulloch
Daniel Mace
Orasmus B. Matteson
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
William Murray
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle

Mr. Charles Ready
David A. Reese
David Ritchie
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russel Sage
William R. Sapp
George A. Simmons
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Nathan T. Stratton
Andrew Stuart
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
Samuel H. Walley
Elihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the motion to reconsider was agreed to.

Thereupon,

The question was again put, Shall the said resolution be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 92
Nays..... 83

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
David J. Bailey
Thomas H. Bayly
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
George Bliss

Mr. Thomas S. Bocock
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb

Mr. Alfred H. Colquitt
Burton Craige
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
David T. Disney
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar
Norman Eddy

Mr. Alfred P. Edgerton
 Henry A. Edmondson
 Andrew Ellison
 William H. English
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Reuben E. Fenton
 Thomas B. Florence
 Thomas J. D. Fuller
 William O. Goode
 Frederick W. Green
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 William T. Hamilton
 Sampson W. Harris
 Wiley P. Harris
 George Hastings
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Bernhart Henn
 Harry Hibbard
 Junius Hillyer
 George S. Houston
 Charles Hughes
 Colin M. Ingersoll
 Harvey H. Johnson

Mr. George W. Jones
 J. Glancy Jones
 George W. Kittredge
 William H. Kurtz
 Alfred W. Lamb
 Charles S. Lewis
 William D. Lindaley
 Moses Macdonald
 James A. McDougall
 Fayette McMullen
 John McQueen
 John B. Macy
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 Smith Miller
 Edson B. Olds
 James L. Orr
 Bishop Perkins
 John Perkins, jr.
 John S. Phelps
 Philip Phillips
 James T. Pratt
 George Read Riddle
 John Robbins, jr.

Mr. Peter Rowe
 Thomas Ruffin
 Origen S. Seymour
 Wilson Shannon
 Henry M. Shaw
 Jacob Showers
 Otho R. Singleton
 Charles Skelton
 William Smith
 William R. Smith
 George W. Smyth
 Christian M. Straub
 David Stuart
 John J. Taylor
 Michael C. Trout
 William M. Tweed
 Mike Walsh
 Edward A. Warren
 John Wentworth
 Theodor R. Westbrook
 William H. Witte
 Hendrick B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Edward Ball
 Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
 Henry Bennett
 Francis M. Bristow
 Lewis D. Campbell
 Davis Carpenter
 Samuel Caruthers
 Joseph R. Chandler
 George W. Chase
 Moses B. Corwin
 Leander M. Cox
 Samuel L. Crocker
 William Cullom
 Thomas Davis
 Alexander De Witt
 John Dick
 Edward Dickinson
 Ben C. Eastman
 J. Wiley Edmands
 Thomas D. Eliot
 Emerson Etheridge
 William Everhart
 E. Wilder Farley
 Thomas T. Flagler
 John R. Franklin
 John Z. Goodrich
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Ben Edwards Grey

Mr. Galusha A. Grow
 Aaron Harlan
 John Scott Harrison
 Solomon G. Haven
 Isaac E. Hiester
 Clement S. Hill
 Thomas M. Howe
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Daniel T. Jones
 James Knox
 John Letcher
 James J. Lindley
 John McCulloch
 Daniel Mace
 Orsamus B. Matteson
 Samuel Mayall
 James Meacham
 Ner Middleswarth
 John S. Millson
 Edwin B. Morgan
 William Murray
 Mordecai Oliver
 Samuel W. Parker
 Jared V. Peck
 Rufus W. Peckham
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 William Preston
 Benjamin Pringle

Mr. Charles Ready
 David A. Reese
 David Ritchie
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 William R. Sapp
 George A. Simmons
 Augustus R. Sollers
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Richard H. Stanton
 Nathan T. Stratton
 Andrew Stuart
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Andrew Tracy
 Charles W. Upham
 Edward Wade
 Hiram Walbridge
 Samuel H. Walley
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 Tappen Wentworth
 John Wheeler
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the resolution was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Machen, their chief clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill of the House of the following title, viz:

H. R. 418. A bill for the relief of Enoch S. More—without amendment.

The Senate have agreed to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 126) entitled "An act to relinquish to the State of Wisconsin the lands reserved for salt springs therein."

And then he withdrew.

Mr. John Wentworth gave notice, under the rule, of his intention to move for leave to introduce bills as follows, viz:

A bill to complete the improvement of the harbor of Chicago.

A bill to continue the improvement of the Illinois river.

The House then resumed the reconsideration of the bill (H. R. 392) entitled "An act making appropriations for the repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works heretofore commenced under the authority of law," which was returned by the President of the United States with his objections, at the last session, and the reconsideration of which was postponed until this day.

The question having been stated, viz: "Will the House, on reconsideration, agree to pass the bill?"

Mr. Dunbar moved that its further consideration be postponed until Wednesday next.

After debate, and pending the question thereon,

Mr. John Wentworth moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question ordered and put, viz: Will the House, on reconsideration, agree to pass the bill?

And it was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 95.
Nays..... 80

Two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

The Constitution of the United States requiring the vote to be taken by yeas and nays,

Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Appleton
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Henry Bennett
George Bliss
Francis M. Bristow
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Samuel Clark
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
John L. Dawson
John Dick
Edward Dickinson
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmonds
Thomas D. Eliot
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Flagler

Mr. Thomas B. Florence
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Aaron Harlan
John Scott Harrison
Solomon G. Haven
Bernhart Henn
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Harvey H. Johnson
James Knox
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindaley
John McCulloch
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
David A. Noble
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham

Mr. Alex. C. M. Pennington
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle
Charles Ready
George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
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Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Frederick P. Stanton
Hester L. Stevens
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
Michael C. Trout
Edward Wade
Samuel H. Walley
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
David J. Bailey
Thomas H. Bayly
William Barkadale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Alfred H. Colquitt
Burton Craige
Carlton B. Curtis
John G. Davis
Alexander De Witt
David T. Disney
James F. Dowdell
Henry A. Edmundson
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas J. D. Fuller
William O. Goode

Mr. Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Sampson W. Harris
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hibbard
Junius Hillyer
George S. Houston
Colin M. Ingersoll
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
Milton S. Latham
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
Augustus E. Maxwell
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
William Murray

Mr. Edson B. Olds
James L. Orr
Bishop Perkins
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell
James T. Pratt
David A. Reese
Peter Rowe
Thomas Ruffin
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Otho E. Singleton
Charles Skelton
William Smith
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
Richard H. Stanton
Nathan T. Stratton
Christian M. Straub
John J. Taylor
Hiram Walbridge
Mike Walsh
Edward A. Warren
Hendrick B. Wright.

So the House on reconsideration did not agree to pass the bill.

The Speaker having resumed the call of the States for resolutions,

Mr. Sollers, on leave, introduced a bill (H. R. 552) to provide for the purchase of so much of the Columbia turnpike as is within the limits of the District of Columbia, and making the same free; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

And then,

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones, at 2 o'clock p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1854.

Several other members appeared, viz:

From the State of Virginia—Zedekiah Kidwell.

From the State of Ohio—Joshua R. Giddings.

From the State of Indiana—Ebenezer M. Chamberlain and James H. Lane.

The following petitions were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. John J. Taylor: The petition of citizens of the county of Tioga, New York, for a mail-route from Ketchamville to Newark valley—being an extension of the present route from Maine, Boon county, New York, to Ketchamville, in said State; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Sabin: The petition of Daniel Drain, for increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Lamb: The petition of citizens of Marion county, Missouri, asking a donation of public lands in Oregon Territory to actual settlers; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Also, the petition of Joseph Hardy—heretofore presented February 4, 1850; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Farley: The petition of Samuel Tarbox, jr., and others, of Westport, Maine, owners of schooner "Louisa," for payment of fishing bounty due them; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Appleton: The petition of citizens of the State of Massachusetts, for the repeal of the duty on coal; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Crocker: The petition of Joshua R. Jewett—heretofore presented April 30, 1850; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Maxwell, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 553) to authorize the sale of reserved lands in the State of Florida; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 554. A bill making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856;

H. R. 555. A bill making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1856; which were severally read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Henn, by unanimous consent, introduced bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 556, A bill making a further appropriation for the improvement of the rapids in the Mississippi river;

H. R. 557. A bill for the relief of the owners and occupants of the town of Omaha City, in the Territory of Nebraska, and for other purposes; which were severally read a first and second time, and referred as follows, viz: •

H. R. 556, to the Committee on Commerce.

H. R. 557, to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Barksdale, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 558) to constitute Columbus, in the State of Mississippi, a port of delivery, and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Zollicoffer, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 559) further to provide for the security of the lives of passengers on vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Haven, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be authorized, during the present session, to employ a clerk, at a compensation not to exceed four dollars per day for the time he may be actually employed.

Mr. Haven moved that the vote by which the said resolution was adopted be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. John Perkins, jr., by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the House (No. 353) to remodel the diplomatic and consular systems of the United States, and that the same be re-referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Alexander H. Stephens, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be directed to have the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting estimates of appropriations, &c., cut and bound for the use of members.

On motion of Mr. Sollers,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it adjourn until Monday next.

Notices were given, under the rule, of motions for leave to introduce bills, as follows, viz:

By Mr. Clark: A bill to confirm certain entries in the State of Michigan.

By Mr. Haven: A bill to provide for the navigation of the St. Clair river, in the State of Michigan.

Mr. Cox rose and announced the death of the Hon. Presley Ewing, late a member of this House from the third congressional district of Kentucky.

After remarks upon the life and public services of the deceased,

Mr. Cox submitted the following resolutions; which were read and unanimously agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That this House has heard with emotions of profound sorrow and regret the announcement of the death of the Hon. Presley Ewing, who, at the time of his death, was a member of this House from the third congressional district of the State of Kentucky.

Resolved, That this House tender to the aged father and relatives of the deceased the expression of its sympathy on this afflicting event; and as a testimony of respect to the memory of the deceased, the members of the House will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House communicate to the father of the deceased, the Hon. Ephraim Ewing, a copy of these resolutions.

Resolved, (as a further mark of respect for the memory of the deceased,) That a copy of these resolutions be communicated to the Senate, and that this House do now adjourn.

And thereupon,

The House adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1854.

Several other members appeared, viz :

From the State of Maine—Samuel P. Benson.

From the State of Pennsylvania—John McNair.

From the State of South Carolina—William Aiken.

From the State of Georgia—James L. Seward.

From the State of Tennessee—William M. Churchwell and Robert M. Bugg.

From the State of Ohio—Matthias H. Nichols.

From the State of Indiana—Cyrus L. Dunham.

From the State of Illinois—Jesse O. Norton.

The following petitions, memorial, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit :

By Mr. J. J. Taylor : The petition of Ashbel Porter, heretofore presented December 29, 1855.

By Mr. Israel Washburn, jr. : Surgeon's certificate in the case of John Drout's application for a pension.

By Mr. Henn : Proceedings of a convention of the soldiers of the war of 1812, held at Iowa city, Iowa, on the 28th October, 1854, asking additional land and pension for their services.

By Mr. Thomas D. Eliot : The petition of W. P. Rathbone, in behalf of the widow and children of Caleb Wood, heretofore presented January 15, 1818.

Ordered, That said petitions and certificate be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Millson : The petition of John W. Wilson, administrator of Stephen C. Graham, hospital mate in the army of the Revolution, for commutation pay; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Lamb : The memorial of the register and receiver of the land office at Palmyra, Missouri, for additional compensation for services under the act of August 4, 1854, to graduate the price of the public lands.

By Mr. Henn : The proceedings of a public meeting in Decatur county, Iowa, in favor of a grant of land to the Fort Madison and Southern railroad.

Ordered, That said memorial and proceedings be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne : The petition of Horace Brown, of Milo, Maine, for land in lieu of a patent which failed to convey title; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Barry : The petition of the legal representatives of Joseph Nourse, praying for the passage of an act, explanatory of an act to authorize the settlement of the accounts of Joseph Nourse, deceased, approved June 28, 1848.

By Mr. John Perkins : The petition of the executors of Judah Touro, late of New Orleans, for indemnity for loss sustained by the appropriation of certain land in the State of Louisiana by the general government, upon which to construct Fort Jackson.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Maxwell: The petition of M. C. & J. W. Brown, for indemnity for loss sustained in consequence of the loss of a schooner by being run into by a United States vessel at St. Marks, in 1843.

By Mr. Edgerton: The petition of H. Lowry heretofore presented January 20, 1845.

By Mr. Latham: The petition of A. M. Winn, for compensation for services rendered to the sick in California.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Upham: The petition of citizens of the State of Maine, for the repeal of the duty on coal.

By Mr. Kittredge: The petition of citizens of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, of like import with the foregoing.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. May: Additional papers in the case of Thruston M. Taylor; Also, the petition of Samuel McClellan, late navy agent of Baltimore, for compensation as such for services rendered and expenses incurred on behalf of the United States.

Ordered, That said petition and papers be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Andrew Oliver: The petition of Matthew Dickerson, jr., for relief for injuries received while in the military service of the United States.

By Mr. Hughes: The petition of R. R. Platt, heretofore presented December 7, 1853.

By Mr. Stratton: The petition of Joshua Shaw, of Bordentown, New Jersey, for the payment of \$7,000 for the use of his invention of percussion cap and lock.

By Mr. Maxwell: The petition of Richard Fitzpatrick, aid to Generals Clinch and Call, during the Florida war in 1836, for compensation for said services.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Aiken: The petition of Hugh E. Vincent and Daniel B. Vincent, of Charleston, S. C., to change the name of the barque "Como;" which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. William Smith: The petition of Thomas Ap C. Jones, for the return of \$900 fee paid with his sanction, as commander of the Pacific squadron, to Hall McCallister, attorney at law, for professional services rendered the United States at San Francisco, October, 1849.

By Mr. Westbrook: The petition of Zelia M. Crosby, for a pension.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House copies of the journals, acts, and resolutions of the third annual session of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Utah; which were referred to the Committee on Territories.

The Speaker also laid before the House the following executive communications, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting detailed statements of the expenditure of the contingent fund of the State Department for the year ending June 30, 1854; which was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a statement of the appropriations applicable to the service of the War Department during the last fiscal year, appropriations carried to the surplus fund, &c.; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 418. An act for the relief of Enoch S. More;

S. 126. An act to relinquish to the State of Wisconsin the lands reserved for salt springs therein; when,

The Speaker signed the same.

Notices were given, under the rule, of motions for leave to introduce bills as follows, viz:

By Mr. Mace: A bill to prohibit slavery or involuntary servitude, except for the punishment of crime, in the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska.

By Mr. Hestor L. Stevens: A bill for appropriations for improvements in the navigation of Lake St. Clair, and the Great and Little rapids, and Hay lake, in St. Marie's river, Michigan.

By Mr. Lane, of Oregon: A bill regulating the compensation of the collectors at Astoria and Umpqua, Oregon Territory.

Mr. Clark, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 560) to confirm the entry to certain lands in the State of Michigan; which was read a first and second time and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Clingman moved that the rules be suspended so as to enable him to introduce a joint resolution requesting the President to tender the mediation of the United States to the powers engaged in the Eastern war.

And the question being put, it was decided in the negative, two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed, without amendment, a bill of the following title, viz:

H. R. 393. An act for the relief of Jacob McLellan.

The Senate have also passed a bill and resolution of the following titles, viz:

S. 501. An act supplemental to an act therein mentioned;

S. Res. 23. A resolution for the appointment of Regents in the Smithsonian Institution;

in which I am directed to request the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Florence moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to introduce a joint resolution authorizing a steamer and transport to be fitted out for the relief of the expedition under the command of Dr. Elisha Kent Kane; which motion was disagreed to, two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to this House any proposition which may have been made to the government by the city authorities of Memphis relative to the navy-yard property recently ceded to that city, together with his views and those of the Navy Department, as to the propriety of accepting the proposed recession, and of re-establishing a naval depot and yard of construction at Memphis.

Mr. Alexander H. Stephens, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be directed to have the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the state of the Finances cut and bound, for the use of the members of this House.

Mr. James H. Lane, by unanimous consent, introduced a joint resolution (H. Res. 38) for the relief of the children of Captain Thomas Porter, deceased; which was read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said joint resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Sapp, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the special committee appointed at the last session on the subject of military supervision of civil works, and which reported only in part, be continued, with all its powers to examine and report upon those branches of the inquiry intrusted to them not yet reported upon.

Mr. Sapp moved that the vote by which the said resolution was agreed to be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Hamilton, the rules having been suspended for that purpose, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, (two-thirds voting in favor thereof,) viz:

Resolved, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the 19th, 20th, and 21st instant, be set apart for business for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Hamilton moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 561. A bill making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856;

H. R. 562. A bill making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856; which were severally read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. McDougall, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill of the House

(No. 295) "to provide for the establishment of railroad and telegraphic communication between the Atlantic States and the Pacific ocean, and for other purposes," (heretofore made the special order for this day,) be postponed until the second Tuesday (9th) of January next.

Mr. McDougall, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the maps accompanying reports of engineers of Pacific railroad surveys be lithographed and printed, for the use of the members of this House.

Mr. Bocock, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 563) to provide a more efficient discipline in the navy of the United States; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. John J. Taylor, by unanimous consent,

• *Ordered*, That he be excused from further service on the Committee for the District of Columbia.

The Speaker thereupon appointed Mr. Isaac Teller, of New York, to fill the vacancy occasioned thereby.

On motion of Mr. Houston, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Frederick P. Stanton reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the annual message of the President of the United States, had directed him to report the following resolutions, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That so much of the annual message of the President of the United States to the two houses of Congress, at the present session, as relates to our foreign affairs, together with the accompanying correspondence in relation thereto; to marking the boundary between the United States and the British possessions in the northwest, as designated in the convention of the 15th June, 1846; to the extinguishment of the possessory rights of the Hudson's Bay Company, and of the Puget Sound Agricultural Company, under the third and fourth articles of said convention, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2. *Resolved*, That so much of the said message and accompanying papers as relates to the existing tariff, and recommends a revision and change of its provisions; to the condition of the treasury; to the finances of the government; to the public debt and its repayment; to the receipts and expenditures; together with the "estimates for appropriations," be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

3. *Resolved*, That so much of the said message and accompanying documents as relates to the army of the United States, and recommends an increase and modification of the same, together with all recommendations for new arsenals, forts, magazines, and barracks, or the discontinuance of old ones, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

4. *Resolved*, That so much of the said message and accompanying documents as relates to the navy of the United States, and recommends an increase and reform of the same, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

5. *Resolved*, That so much of said message and accompanying documents as relates to the modification of the present judicial system of the United States; to the records and papers of a public character, of the several officers of the government; to making false entries in said books, or returning false accounts, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

6. *Resolved*, That so much of the said message and accompanying papers as relates to our intercourse with the various Indian tribes, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

7. *Resolved*, That so much of said message and accompanying documents as relates to the Post Office Department, its operation and condition, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

8. *Resolved*, That so much of said message and accompanying documents as relates to commerce; to a revision of the existing laws for the maintenance of discipline, and the protection of life and property at sea, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

9. *Resolved*, That so much of said message and accompanying documents as relates to the public lands, their survey and sale; to grants of land in aid of the construction of railroads, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

10. *Resolved*, That so much of the said message and accompanying documents as relates to the District of Columbia, be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

11. *Resolved*, That so much of said message and accompanying documents as relates to the public buildings and grounds, be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

12. *Resolved*, That so much of said message and accompanying documents as relates to patents, the condition and operations of the Patent Office, and the modification of existing patent laws, be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

The same having been read,

Mr. Houston moved the previous question; which was seconded, and the main question ordered, and, under the operation thereof, the said resolutions were agreed to.

Mr. Olds having called up the motion, heretofore submitted by him, to reconsider the vote by which the bill of the House (No. 244) abolishing the present ocean mail steam service, and authorizing the Postmaster General to re-let the same, in accordance with usages and regulations appertaining to the inland mail-service, and for other purposes,

The question was put, Shall the said vote be reconsidered?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Olds, the said bill was recommitted to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Alexander H. Stephens, at 1 o'clock and 50 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1854.

Several other members appeared, viz :

From the State of South Carolina—Preston S. Brooks and Lawrence M. Keitt.

From the State of Mississippi—Daniel B. Wright.

The following petitions and memorials were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit :

By Mr. Alexander H. Stephens : The petition of James P. Fleming, of Augusta, Georgia, for compensation as mail contractor for extra mail service ; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Faulkner : The petition of Peter G. Sperry, of Winchester, Virginia, for compensation for services rendered by his father, John Sperry, in the war of the Revolution ; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Chandler : The memorial of Mary Bensell, widow of George Bensell, of Philadelphia, for a pension on account of her said husband during the war of the Revolution ; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Faulkner : The petition of the heirs and legal representatives of Alexander Rose, for commutation pay for the services of their ancestor as a captain in the war of the Revolution ; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. De Witt : The memorial of George F. Rider, for compensation for damages sustained in consequence of the failure of government agent to carry out contract to build an iron bridge at the Little Falls, and selling his property at a sacrifice ; which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. George W. Jones : The petition of James Towles, for arrears of pay as deputy collector and inspector of the port of Washington from 1845 to 1849 ; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Maxwell : The petition of Samuel Boardman, for arrears of pay as ordnance clerk at Apalachicola arsenal, Florida ; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Robbins, jr. : The memorial of the American Philosophical Society, of Philadelphia, asking Congress to authorize an outfit and employment of vessels for the relief of the American exploring expedition under Doctor Kane, now detained in the Arctic seas ; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Kittredge : The petition of citizens of the State of New Hampshire, for a survey of Lake Winnipissiogee, in said State ; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. John J. Taylor : The petition of Richard Reynolds, for an increase of pension ; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pension.

By Mr. Caruthers : The petition of John De Rogers, a soldier of the war of 1812, for compensation for services during said war ; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House communications as follows, viz :

I. A letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting an abstract of the returns of seamen registered in the several ports of the United States; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting statements from the Register of the Treasury of receipts and expenditures during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1854, in pursuance of an order of the House of Representatives of December 30, 1791, and the act of August 26, 1842; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

III. A letter from the Superintendent of the Public Printing, transmitting his second annual report of the condition of the public printing; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ingersoll having called up the motion heretofore submitted, to reconsider the vote by which the bill of the Senate (No. 430) entitled "An act for the relief of Henry S. Sanford," was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the House proceeded to its consideration.

After debate,

Mr. Ingersoll moved the previous question; which was seconded, and the main question ordered to be put.

Pending which,

Mr. Letcher moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put on the motion to reconsider, and it was decided in the negative.

So the said bill is referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The Speaker, in pursuance of the order of the House of the 5th instant, continuing the select committee on the investment of the Smithsonian fund, appointed Mr. John Scott Harrison a member of the said committee in the place of Mr. Gerrit Smith, resigned.

Mr. Peckham moved that the vote by which the resolutions referring the subjects embraced in the annual message of the President of the United States were yesterday agreed to, be reconsidered.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Houston,

Ordered, That the said motion to reconsider lie upon the table.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, a bill of the following title, viz:

H. R. 393. An act for the relief of Jacob McLellan;

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary; which was handed in at the Speaker's table.

The Speaker having proceeded to call the committees for reports,

Mr. Fuller, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 393) entitled "An act for the better preservation of life and property from vessels shipwrecked on the coasts of the United States," reported the same without amendment.

Pending the question on its third reading,

Mr. William Smith moved that it be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

After debate,

Mr. Chandler moved the previous question, which was seconded and the main question ordered and put; and, under the operation thereof, the motion to commit was disagreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on its passage,

Mr. Campbell moved the previous question; which was seconded, and the main question ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 126
 Nays..... 45

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
Edward Ball
Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss
Samuel A. Bridges
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
William M. Churchwell
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis
John L. Dawson
Alexander De Witt
John Dick
Edward Dickinson
Augustus Drum
William Dunbar
Norman Eddy
J. Wiley Edmonds
Thomas D. Eliot
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Charles J. Faulkner
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
Joshua R. Giddings
Henry C. Goodwin

Mr. Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Galusha A. Grow
Aaron Harlan
John Scott Harrison
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Bernhart Henn
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Colin M. Ingersoll
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
J. Glancey Jones
John Kerr
George W. Kittredge
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald
John McNair
Daniel Mace
Orsamus B. Matteson
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Bishop Perkins
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
Benjamin Pringle

Mr. Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
William A. Richardson
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Sion H. Rogers
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Charles Skelton
Samuel A. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Hector L. Stevens
Nathan T. Stratton
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Michael C. Trout
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vasant
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
Samuel H. Walley
Mike Walsh
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler
William H. Witte
Hendrick B. Wright
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
David J. Bailey
William Barkadale
William S. Barry
Thomas H. Benton
Thomas S. Bocoock
William W. Boyce
Francis M. Bristow
Preston S. Brooks
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Alfred H. Colquitt

Mr. Burton Craige
John G. Davis
Cyrus L. Dunham
Alfred P. Edgerton
Henry A. Edmundson
John M. Elliott
William O. Goode
Wiley P. Harris
Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
George W. Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
Alfred W. Lamb
John Letcher

Mr. Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
Smith Miller
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Paulus Powell
Thomas Ruffin
Henry M. Shaw
Otho R. Singleton
William Smith
George W. Smyth
Edward A. Warren
Daniel B. Wright.

So the bill was passed.

Mr. Fuller moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Joseph Lane, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 564) regulating the compensation of the collectors at Astoria and Umpqua, Oregon Territory; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Greenwood, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report a bill, at as early a day as practicable, providing for the punishment of the crime of forgery, and depredations upon the United States mails in Indian territory.

On motion of Mr. Houston, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Chandler reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 554. A bill making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States, for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856; and

H. R. 555. A bill making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1856; had directed him to report the former without amendment, and that the committee had come to no resolution upon the latter.

Notices of motions for leave to introduce a joint resolution and bills were given, as follows, viz:

By Mr. Clingman: A joint resolution requesting the President to tender the mediation of the United States to the belligerents in the Eastern war.

By Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne: A bill to complete the harbor of Waukegan, Illinois;

A bill to improve the Rock Island and Des Moines rapids, in the Mississippi river;

A bill to improve the harbor of Galena and the channel of Galena river, and to cut a canal across the portage from Galena river to the Mississippi river;

A bill making a grant of one hundred and sixty acres of land to actual settlers thereon.

By Mr. Sapp: A bill to graduate and reduce the compensation of members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, to abolish the franking privilege, and to provide for the distribution of the public documents.

Mr. Meacham moved, at 2 o'clock and 37 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 554) making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856, just reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, without amendment.

Mr. Houston moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and, under the operation thereof, the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Houston moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Haven, at 2 o'clock and 40 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1854.

Two other members appeared, viz:

From the State of New York—Caleb Lyon.

From the State of Wisconsin—Daniel Wells, jr.

The following petitions and memorials were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Sabin: The petition of Luther Cole, of the State of Vermont, for the revival of his pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Wade: The petition of E. B. Chamberlain, heir and legal representative of Capt. John Chamberlain, an officer and soldier of the war of the Revolution, for compensation for the services of his said father; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Peckham: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, who served in the war of 1812, for additional bounty land.

By Mr. Goodwin: The petition of citizens of Madison county, New York, of like import with the foregoing.

By Mr. John G. Davis: The petition of Samuel Miles, of Clay county,

Indiana, for 160 acres of land, in lieu of that granted him heretofore, for his service in the war of 1812.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Maxwell: The petition of Joseph Suares, sr., and Andrew Collins, for confirmation of grant of 400 arpens of land on each side of the river Perdido, Florida; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Rice: The memorials of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, for the construction of a military road from St. Anthony Falls to Fort Ridgely; also from Winona to Fort Ridgely; and also from St. Paul to Run river, by the way of Little Canada, in said Territory; which were referred to the Committee on the Territories.

By Mr. Giddings: The petition of John Lee, for compensation for horses lost in the service of the government.

By Mr. Kurtz: The petition of Samuel B. Hugo, of York, Pennsylvania, for compensation for horses lost in the war of 1812.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Latham: The petition of Dent, Vantire & Co., for compensation for supplies furnished the Indians; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Upham: The petition of John Day, heretofore presented December 18, 1837.

By Mr. Florence: The petition of William Guinand and Thomas Hayes, watchmen at the Observatory, Washington, D. C., for increase of compensation; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Rice: The memorial of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, for an appropriation for the improvement of the Mississippi river from the Falls of St. Anthony to Sauk rapids; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Aiken: The petition of Jane M. Rudolph, of Charleston, S. C., widow of Capt. Thomas C. Rudolph, late a captain in the United States revenue service, for a pension.

By Mr. Breckinridge: The petition of A. E. Drake, late a midshipman in the United States navy, for a pension for military services during the Seminole war.

By Mr. Mayall: The petition of Samuel W. Winslow, for an invalid pension.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Morgan: The petition of Susan Palmer, widow of Junius B. Palmer, for 160 acres of bounty land for his services in the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Ready: The petition of Medford Caffey, heretofore presented December 20, 1847; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Seward: The petition of the officers of the customs for the district and port of Savannah, Georgia, for increase of salary; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickens, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed, without amendment, a bill and joint resolution of the House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 437. An act for the relief of Isaac M. Sigler, of Putnam county, Indiana;

H. Res. 38. Joint resolution for the relief of the children of Captain Thomas Porter, deceased;

And then he withdrew.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the following message heretofore received from the President of the United States, viz:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Samuel Prioleau, deceased, which provided for the payment of the sum of six thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight dollars and sixty cents, to the legal representatives of said Prioleau, by the proper accounting officer of the treasury, was approved by me July 27, 1854. It having been ascertained that the identical claim provided for in this act was liquidated and paid under the provisions of the general act of August 4, 1790, and of the special act of January 24, 1795, the First Comptroller of the Treasury declined to give effect to the law first above referred to without communicating the facts for my consideration. This refusal I regard as fully justified by the facts upon which it was predicated.

In view of the destruction of valuable papers by fire in the building occupied by the Treasury Department in 1814, and again in 1833, it is not surprising that cases like this should, more than seventy years after the transaction with which they were connected, be involved in much doubt. The report of the Comptroller, however, shows conclusively, by record evidence still preserved in the department and elsewhere, that the sum of six thousand one hundred and twenty-two dollars and forty-four cents, with three thousand nine hundred and eighteen dollars and thirty-six cents interest thereon from the date of the destruction of the property—making the sum of ten thousand and forty dollars and eighty cents—was allowed to Samuel Prioleau under the act for his relief passed in 1795.

That amount was reported by the auditor to the Comptroller on the 4th day of February, 1795, to be funded as follows, to wit:

Two-thirds of \$6,122 44, called 6 per cent. stock.....	\$4,081 63
One-third, called deferred stock.....	2,040 81
Interest on the principal, called 3 per cent. stock.....	3,918 36
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	10,040 80
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On the books of the loan office of South Carolina, under date of April 27, 1795, is an entry showing that there was issued of the funded 6 per cent. stock to Samuel Prioleau.

sued of the funded 6 per cent. stock to Samuel Prioleau.	\$4,081	63
Of the deferred stock.	2,040	81
Of the 3 per cent. stock.	3,918	36

On the ledger of said loan office an account was opened with Samuel Prioleau, in which he was credited with the three items of stock, and debited by the transfer of each certificate to certain persons named under dates of May 20, 1795, August 24, 1795, and April 19, 1796.

These records show that the account of Samuel Prioleau, required to be settled by the act of January 28, 1795, was settled; that the value of the property destroyed was allowed; that the amount so found due was funded by said Prioleau and entered by his order on the loan office books of South Carolina, and soon thereafter by him sold and transferred. That the entire funded debt of the United States was long since paid, is matter of history.

It is apparent that the claim has been prosecuted under a misapprehension on the part of the present claimants.

I present the evidence in the case collected by the First Comptroller, and embodied in his report for your consideration, together with a copy of letter just received by that officer from the executor of P. G. Prioleau, and respectfully recommend the repeal of the act of July 27, 1854.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, *December 11, 1854.*

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents be laid on the table and printed.

Subsequently,

Mr. Orr, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 565) to repeal an act for the relief of the legal representatives of Samuel Prioleau, deceased; which was read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Faulkner, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be authorized to employ a clerk at the usual pay of \$4 a day, for such time as he is actually employed.

The same having been read,

On motion of Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, it was amended by inserting after "Military Affairs," the words "*and the Committee on the Judiciary;*" and after "be" the word "*each;*" and striking out the words "*he is,*" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "*they are.*"

The question was then put, Will the House agree to the said resolution as amended?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

So it was,

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs and the Committee on the Judiciary be each authorized to employ a clerk at the usual pay of \$4 a day, for such time as they are actually employed.

Mr. Boyce, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to in-

quire and report as to the expediency of a repeal of the usury laws, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Dunbar, by unanimous consent, introduced a joint resolution (H. Res. 39) to modify or change the original plan of the custom-house at New Orleans; which was read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said joint resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Dunbar moved that the vote by which the said resolution was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Latham, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill of the House (No. 547) to continue in force for a limited time the provisions of the act of Congress of 3d March, 1851, and the 2d section of its supplement of 18th January, 1854, so as to enable the board of land commissioners in California to close their adjudications of private land titles in that State, and for other purposes, submitted a report in writing thereon; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Murray, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution of Mr. Daniel T. Jones, at the last session, reported the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That there be printed for the use of the members of the present House of Representatives 15,000 copies of that portion of the returns of the seventh census which relates to the mortality statistics of the United States, to be arranged by the Superintendent of the Census; provided the same shall be printed in royal octavo form and not to exceed three hundred pages.

The same having been read,

After debate,

Mr. Haven moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. Clingman moved that the said resolution be laid on the table.

And the question being put on the latter motion,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 74
Nays 107

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
David J. Bailey
William S. Barry
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Preston S. Brooks
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson B. W. Cobb

Mr. Alfred H. Colquitt
Leander M. Cox
Burton Craige
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
James F. Dowdell
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
Henry A. Edmundson
Andrew Ellison
William H. English

Mr Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas J. D. Fuller
William O. Goode
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
William T. Hamilton
Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Harvey H. Johnson
George W. Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
William H. Kurtz

Mr. Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
John Letcher
William D. Lindsley
Moses Macondald
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
Augustus E. Maxwell
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble

Mr. James L. Orr
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Richard C. Puryear
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Thomas Ruffin
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Otho R. Singleton
Samuel A. Smith

Mr. William Smith
William R. Smith
Hestor L. Stevens
Nathan T. Stratton
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Mike Walsh
Edward A. Warren
William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Appleton
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Nathan Belcher
Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
John S. Caskie
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
William M. Churchwell
Samuel Clark
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis
Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt
John Dick
Edward Dickinson
William Dunbar
J. Wiley Edmands
Thomas D. Eliot
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
Joshua R. Giddings
Henry C. Goodwin
Galusha A. Grow
Aaron Harlan

Mr. John Scott Harrison
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Daniel T. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
George W. Kittredge
James Knox
Milton S. Latham
Charles S. Lewis
James J. Lindley
Caleb Lyon
John McCulloch
James A. McDougall
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
William Murray
Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Bishop Perkins
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
William Preston

Mr. Benjamin Pringle
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
David Ritchie
Sion H. Rogers
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
George A. Simmonds
Charles Skelton
George W. Smyth
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
David Stuart
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
Michael C. Trout
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
Samuel H. Walley
Ellihu B. Waashburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
Theodoric R. Westbrook
John Wheeler
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the motion to lay upon the table was disagreed to.

The question then recurring on the demand for the previous question, it was seconded, and the main question ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the said resolution?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

So the said resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Daniel T. Jones moved that the vote by which the said resolution was agreed to be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. John Perkins, jr., by unanimous consent, submitted the following

resolution; which was read, and, by unanimous consent, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Postmaster General be requested to inform Congress, if, in obedience to the law passed August 5, 1854—which “authorized and directed him to establish a mail on the Mississippi river, from Cairo to New Orleans, and from Keokuk, Iowa, to Galena, in Illinois,” said “mail to be carried daily from Cairo to New Orleans,” and to facilitate the establishment and carrying of which he was authorized, on failure to obtain acceptable bids, after advertising for thirty days, to make private contracts—said mail has been put into operation, either in whole or part; and that, if said mail has not been put into operation, he communicate to Congress his reasons for this omission, together with a statement of the terms of the bids, and the names of the parties putting them in, for carrying said mail, either for the whole route or for sections of the route; and that, in the event of his having contracted for carrying the mail on any section or sections of said route, he inform the House what section or sections, and whether bonds were taken of the parties so contracting for the faithful discharge of their contracts, and the different dates at which said bonds were taken and placed in the department; and, if any, which of said bonds have been forfeited.

Mr. McDougall, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, and referred to the Committee on Printing, viz:

Resolved, That 5,000 extra copies of the reports of Pacific railway surveys, with the accompanying maps, be printed for the use of this House.

On motion of Mr. Matteson, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Parmelia Slavin, widow of John Blue, for the purpose of reference in the Senate.

The said papers were thereupon handed to Mr. Matteson.

On motion of Mr. Fenton, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Thomas Shankland, for the purpose of reference in the Senate.

The said papers were thereupon handed to Mr. Fenton.

The Speaker having resumed the call of the committees for reports,

Mr. Aiken, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (H. R. 566) to change the name of the American-built brig Como to that of Jehossee, and to grant her a new register; which was read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill and joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 437. An act for the relief of Isaac M. Sigler, of Putnam county, Indiana;

H. Res. 38. Joint resolution for the relief of the children of Captain Thomas Porter, deceased;

When

The Speaker signed the same.

On motion of Mr. Disney,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the following petitions for grants of lands, and that the same be laid on the table, viz: of Randolph Macon College; of the faculty of Union University, in the State of Tennessee; of the president and professors of Amherst College, Massachusetts; of the University of Vermont; of the faculty of Washington College, Virginia; of the Wesleyan University, Ohio; of the faculty of Jackson College, Tennessee; of the faculty of Lafayette College, Pennsylvania; of the faculty of St. John's College, Maryland; of the faculty of Franklin and Marshall College, Pennsylvania; of St. Xavier's College, Ohio; of Hobart Free College, New York; of Emory and Henry College, Virginia; of Beloit College, Wisconsin; of La Grange College, Alabama; of Madison University, New York; of Alleghany College, Pennsylvania; of Middlebury College, Vermont; of Wittenburg College, Ohio; of Lewisburg College, Pennsylvania; of citizens in behalf of Davidson College, North Carolina; of Miami University, Ohio; of the University of Rochester, New York; of the county court of Logan county, Illinois, in behalf of a State industrial university; of citizens of Missouri, for educational purposes; of Joseph Jones and others, in behalf of normal schools for female teachers; of the legislature of Wisconsin, in behalf of the deaf, dumb, blind, and insane; of citizens of Chicago, in behalf of the Seamen's Friends Society; of the Faculty of Union College, New York; of the Protestant University, Ohio; of the legislative council of New Mexico, in regard to land claims; and resolutions of the legislature of Louisiana, in behalf of the deaf, dumb, and blind; and of the city of Baltimore, in behalf of houses of refuge, &c.

On motion of Mr. Disney,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 224. A bill granting public lands to the several States of the Union for the establishment of a permanent and efficient system of common schools.

H. R. 207. A bill for the distribution of the proceeds of sale of the public lands among the several States for educational purposes.

H. R. 345. A bill to establish the office of surveyor general for the Territory of Washington.

Ordered, That the said bills be laid on the table.

Mr. Disney, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the resolution of Mr. Hibbard, of the 13th March, 1854, reported a bill (H. R. 567) supplemental to the act entitled "An act granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States," approved September 28, 1850, and also to the act approved March 22, 1852, "to make land warrants assignable, and for other purposes;" which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Disney,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of citizens of Laramie township, Cooper county, Missouri; of citizens of Cleveland, Ohio; of citizens of Hancock county, Ohio; all praying for a grant of land for railroad or school purposes: and of Edwin James, sr., and Edwin James, jr.; and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Disney, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 238) entitled "An act to authorize the issue of patents to lands in any State or Territory in certain cases," reported the same with an amendment.

The question being put, Will the House agree to the said amendment?

It was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendment.

On motion of Mr. William Smith, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Archibald R. S. Hunter; provided that copies of the same be left on file.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, a bill of the following title, viz:

S. 393. An act for the better preservation of life and property from vessels shipwrecked on the coasts of the United States;

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Seward, gave notice, under the rule, of his intention to move for leave to introduce a bill to appropriate money to remove obstructions in the Savannah river and improve the navigation thereof.

On motion of Mr. Greenwood, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Chandler reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 555) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1856, had come to no resolution thereon.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Letcher, at 3 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1854.

The following petitions, memorial, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Chase: The petition of March Farrington—heretofore presented March 29, 1846;

Also, the petition of Charles Kaple, for increase of his pension.

By Mr. Green: The petition of Captain Ozias Hart, of Seneca county, Ohio, a soldier of the war of 1812, for bounty land.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Barksdale: The petition of the register and receiver of the land office at Columbus, Mississippi, for increase of pay as said officers, under the act of August 4, 1854, to graduate the price of the public lands; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Hamilton: The petition of Samuel Neil, (colored,) for bounty land for services during the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Seward: The petition of Levi S. Russell, George G. Faris, Richard T. Turner, John Botten Habershaw, John W. Remshart, and Oliver S. Hunter, of Savannah, Georgia, for compensation for extra services performed at Savannah custom-house in weighing and measuring coal and salt.

By Mr. Fuller: The petition of William W. Bucknam, of Eastport, Maine, for a register to the British schooner "Sarah."

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Breckinridge: Additional papers in the case of E. A. Drake; which were referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Smith Miller: The petition of the register and receiver of the land office at Vincennes, Indiana, for additional compensation under the act of August 4, 1854, to graduate the price of public lands; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Phillips: The petition of James M. Lindsay, for confirmation of his title to a certain tract of land; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Appleton: The memorial of the trustees of the Humane Society of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, for an appropriation to be expended in making provisions for the preservation of human life exposed by shipwrecks on the coast of said State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Wheeler, by unanimous consent, presented the memorial of the New York Chamber of Commerce, asking that a screw-steamer and store-ship may be despatched by the government of the United States to such places in the Polar sea, as may be thought proper, for the purpose of affording relief to Commander Kane, his officers, and crew; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Banks, by unanimous consent, presented the petition of Dudley F. Holt, for an invalid pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mr. Richard H. Stanton, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so extending the provisions of the act of Congress of the 3d March, 1849, legalizing the collection and expenditure of the military contribution fund levied in Mexico, as to authorize the Secretary of War to pay out of that fund, thus appropriated, the

same rate of compensation to those employed in its settlement in the civil bureaus as to those already paid in the military.

Mr. James C. Allen, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 568) for the relief of Thomas Hurst, a sergeant in the marine corps ; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Cutting, by unanimous consent, introduced a joint resolution (H. Res. 40) authorizing the President of the United States to adopt measures to procure the erection of a first-class light-house on Cape Race ; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed, without amendment, a bill of the House of the following title, viz :

H. R. 325. An act for the relief of James S. Graham and Walter H. Finnall.

The Senate have also passed bills of the following titles, viz :

S. 424. An act for the relief of Isaac Swain ;

S. 464. An act for the relief of Israel Ketcham ;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Peckham, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of citizens of Fort Wayne, Indiana, asking that an appropriation be made for the erection of a monument to General Wayne at that place ; and that the same be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Carpenter, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the bill from the Senate (No. 192) entitled "An act for the relief of Amos Knapp," be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Faulkner, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the House (No. 546) to provide for the allowance of invalid pensions to certain volunteers in the Indian wars in Oregon Territory ; and that the same be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mr. Houston submitted a resolution ; which he subsequently modified to read as follows, viz :

Resolved, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the bill of the House (No. 555) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1856, shall cease in two hours after its consideration is resumed, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same ;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

Mr. Hamilton moved the previous question ; which was seconded,

and the main question ordered, and, under the operation thereof, the said resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Houston moved that the vote by which the said resolution was agreed to be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary; which was handed in at the Speaker's table.

Mr. Samuel A. Smith gave notice, under the rule, of his intention to move for leave to introduce bills of the following titles, viz:

A bill to grant pensions to the officers and soldiers of the war of 1812.

A bill to make the city of Chattanooga, in the State of Tennessee, a port of delivery.

A bill for the relief of Stephen Hemstead.

On motion of Mr. Houston, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Chandler reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 555) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1856, had come to no resolution thereon.

And then,

On motion of Mr. McMullen, at 2 o'clock and 50 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1854.

Another member appeared, viz:

From the State of Louisiana—Roland Jones.

The following petitions, memorial, and other papers were laid on the Clerk's table under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Benson: Four petitions of citizens of the State of Maine, for the establishment of a mail-route from Gardiner, via West Gardiner, Litchfield, South Monmouth, Wales, and Sabattisville, to connect with a mail-route to Lewiston, in said State; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Macdonald: The petition of George W. Whitten—heretofore presented February 19, 1849.

By Mr. Israel Washburn: The petition of John Campbell—heretofore presented March 30, 1840.

By Mr. Eddy: The petition of William Walton, an invalid soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension.

By Mr. William R. Smith: The petition of R. J. Murray, for a pension on account of disability incurred while in the military service of the United States in 1818.

By Mr. Macdonald: The petition of Edward Rumery, of the State of Maine, an invalid soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension.

By Mr. Florence: The petition of James M. Summers, for arrearages of pension.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Pennington: The petition of Apollis M. Elmer, for commutation pay of Moses Elmer, his father, a surgeon's mate in the war of the Revolution.

By Mr. May: The petition of Charles Diggs, administrator *de bonis non* of Col. William Brent, for commutation pay.

By Mr. Pennington: The petition of Margaret Leupp, only surviving child and heir of Captain John Hodge, a soldier and officer of the Revolution, for compensation for his said services.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Florence: The petition of Jonas P. Levy, that Congress adopt measures to withdraw from the accounting officers of the Treasury certain papers for examination, so as to secure to him the payment of a claim against Mexico for spoliation upon his property; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Walbridge: The petition of Elisha B. Sprague, trustee of William B. Hart, for pay for services rendered the government in removing the Choctaw Indians; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Seward: The resolution of the legislature of the State of Georgia, recommending the establishment of a naval depot at Brunswick, in said State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. English: The petition of the receiver and register of the land-office at Jeffersonville, Indiana, for increase of compensation for services under the act of August 4, 1854, to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Upham: Additional papers in the case of Michael L. Bailey, asking for a pension; which were referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Breckinridge: Additional papers in the claims of R. T. P. Allen; which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Boyd: The letter of Frank Routhae, in relation to declaring Hickman, in the State of Kentucky, a port of delivery; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Walbridge: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, for the free use of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. James C. Allen: Additional papers on the claim of Thomas Hurst; which were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the following message, heretofore received, from the President of the United States, viz:

To the House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith a report from the Secretary of State, with ac-

companying documents, in compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 27th of July last.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, *December* 11, 1854.

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and printed.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House executive communications as follows, viz :

I. A letter from the Secretary of War, informing the House that he has transmitted to the Senate the report of the board of officers appointed for the examination of claims contracted in California, under Lieutenant Colonel Fremont, in 1846-'47; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, submitting supplemental estimates for the Indian service and for land surveys upon the coast and remote Territories; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Daniel T. Jones, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read and referred to the Committee on Printing, viz :

Resolved, That there be printed for the use of the Postmaster General's office, fifteen hundred copies of his annual report and appendix, accompanying the President's annual message.

On motion of Mr. Letcher, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That he be excused from further service on the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill (H. R. 569) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856, and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Eddy, by unanimous consent, introduced bills of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 570. A bill for the relief of John R. Bowes, agent in charge of the property of the United States at Michigan City, in the State of Indiana;

H. R. 571. A bill making appropriations for continuing the piers and constructing the breakwater at Michigan City, in the State of Indiana, and to otherwise improve the harbor at said city;

H. R. 572. A bill for the relief of Stephen Bunnel, of the State of Indiana;

which bills were severally read a first and second time, and referred as follows, viz :

H. R. 570 and 571, to the Committee on Commerce.

H. R. 572, to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Maxwell, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the petition and papers in the case of the heirs of Jacob Houseman be withdrawn from the files of the House, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

This being private bill day, the House proceeded to the consideration of private bills on the Speaker's table.

The bill of the House (No. 380) "for the relief of Betsey Nash," with the amendments of the Senate thereto, having been taken up,

Mr. Faulkner moved that it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. McMullen,

Ordered, That it be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The bill of the House (No. 381) "for the relief of Thomas Ellis," with the amendment of the Senate thereto, was next taken up, and the said amendment agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

S. 424. An act for the relief of Isaac Swain;

S. 464. An act for the relief of Israel Ketcham;

S. 484. An act for the relief of Gad Humphreys;

were severally read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

The bill of the Senate (S. 501) entitled "An act supplemental to an act therein mentioned" was read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed, without amendment, bills and joint resolutions of this House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 293. An act to provide for the extinguishment of the title of the Chippewa Indians to the lands owned and claimed by them in the Territory of Minnesota and State of Wisconsin, and for their domestication and civilization.

H. R. 514. An act allowing the further time of two years to those holding lands by entries in the Virginia military district in Ohio, which were made prior to 1st January, 1852, to have the same surveyed and patented.

H. Res. 26. Joint resolution for the settlement of the claim of Don Juan Jesus Vigil, of New Mexico.

H. Res. 39. Joint resolution to modify or change the original plan of the custom-house at New Orleans.

The Senate have agreed to the amendment of this house to the bill of the Senate of the following title, viz:

S. 238. An act to authorize the issue of patents to lands in any State or Territory in certain cases.

The Senate have also passed bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 437. An act for the relief of John Shaw; and

S. 515. An act to increase the compensation of the registers of land offices and receivers of public moneys, under the act entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators," approved August 4, 1854;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate request the return of the bill of the Senate (No. 32) entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Gideon."

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the 14th instant, present to the President of the United States bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 437. An act for the relief of Isaac M. Sigler, of Putnam county, Indiana.

H. R. 393. An act for the relief of Jacob McLellan.

H. R. 418. An act for the relief of Enoch S. More.

H. Res. 38. Joint resolution for the relief of the children of Captain Thomas Porter, deceased.

S. 126. An act to relinquish to the State of Wisconsin the lands reserved for salt springs therein.

S. 393. An act for the better preservation of life and property from vessels shipwrecked on the coasts of the United States.

Notices of motions for leave to introduce bills were given as follows, viz:

By Mr. Smith Miller: A bill establishing the compensation of registers and receivers in certain cases.

By Mr. John G. Davis: A bill to incorporate the St. Joseph's Male Orphan Asylum, in the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Edgerton, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. McMullen reported that the committee, having had the private calendar under consideration, had directed him to report bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 103. A bill for the relief of Ferdinand Clark;

H. R. 104. A bill for the relief of Adolphus Mier and Company, of St. Louis;

H. R. 105. A bill for the relief of Wilson and Brothers, of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri; severally without amendment.

H. R. 246. A bill for the relief of the children and heirs of Major General Baron de Kalb—with an amendment.

S. 139. An act for the relief of Charles A. Kellett—with a recommendation that it do not pass; and

H. R. 240. A bill for the relief of Thomas S. J. Johnson—with a recommendation that it be re-referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Letcher,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it adjourn until Monday next.

Mr. Edgerton moved, at 3 o'clock and 45 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the bill just reported from the Committee of the Whole House,

When the bills of the House numbered 103, 104, and 105, under the operation of the previous question, were severally ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, they were severally read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

The bill of the House (No. 240) for the relief of Thomas S. J. Johnson was re-referred to the Committee of Claims.

The bill of the Senate (No. 139) for the relief of Charles A. Kellett was ordered to lie upon the table.

The bill of the House (No. 246) for the relief the children and heirs of Major General Baron de Kalb, reported with an amendment, was next taken up, and, under the operation of the previous question, the said amendment agreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on its passage,

Mr. Peckham moved the previous question; which was seconded, and the main question ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

So the bill was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Peckham moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Florence, at 4 o'clock p. m., the House adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1864.

Several other members appeared, viz:

From the State of New Hampshire—George W. Morrison.

From the State of Pennsylvania—Asa Packer.

From the State of Alabama—James Abercrombie

The following petitions were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Roland Jones: The petition of citizens of the State of Louisiana, praying for the establishment of a mail-route from Vernon to Winfield, in said State.

By Mr. Hibbard: The petition of citizens of the State of New Hampshire, for the establishment of a mail-route from West Rumney to East Canaan, in said State.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Thomas Davis: The petition of Thomas Bronnell, an invalid soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension.

By Mr. Drum: The petition of Thomas Poulson, of the State of Pennsylvania, for bounty land for services as a soldier of the war with Mexico.

By Mr. Hastings: The petition of citizens of the county of Living-

ston, New York, that the soldiers and officers of the war of 1812 be granted pensions.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Parker: The petition of the register and receiver of the land office at Vincennes, Indiana, for additional pay under the act of 4th August, 1854, to graduate the price of the public lands.

By Mr. Caruthers: The petition of citizens of the State of Missouri to organize a board of commissioners to settle and adjust certain land claims in said State.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Roland Jones: The petition of citizens in the State of Louisiana against the confirmation of certain claims to land in the De Bastrop grant; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Richard H. Stanton: The petition of Robert Mills, proposing a plan for water-works in the city of Washington; which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Phelps: The petition of W. D. Nutt—heretofore presented January 24, 1849; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Thomas Davis: The petition of citizens of the State of Rhode Island, for the repeal of the duty on coal.

By Mr. Haven: The petition of J. S. Smith, agent for the government to take charge of the government property at Buffalo, for compensation for his services.

By Mr. Breckinridge: The petition of J. Malone, Eli Duval, and others, laborers in the departments at Washington, for increase of compensation.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Thomas Davis: The petition of George Reed, of the city of Providence, Rhode Island, for compensation for services during the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Maxwell: The petition of citizens of the State of Florida for a marine hospital at Apalachicola, in said State.

Ordered, That said petition be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. McMullen: The petition of J. C. Hamilton and others, invalids of the war of 1812, for pensions;

Also the petition of Reuben Apperson, an invalid soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension;

Also the petition of Isaac Ayres, an invalid soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Millson: The petition of B. W. Palmer, purser's clerk at the Gosport navy yard, for increase of pay; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Mayall: The petition of the children of Joseph Dale—here-

tofore presented January 26, 1862; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Daniel T. Jones: The petition of Nathan Williams, for an amendment of the pension and the bounty-land laws of 1850, so as to extend the benefits thereof to the widows of deceased soldiers whether married or unmarried.

By Mr. Benson: The petition of Cyrus Weston, an invalid soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By unanimous consent, the message of the Senate requesting the return of the bill of the Senate, (No. 32) entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Gideon," was taken up.

Ordered, That the said bill be returned to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Ruffin, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That he be excused from further service on the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker thereupon appointed Mr. Charles S. Lewis, of Virginia, to fill the vacancy occasioned thereby.

Mr. Bennett moved that the vote by which the bill of the House, (No. 380) entitled "An act for the relief of Betsey Nash," with the amendments of the Senate thereto, was, on Friday last, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, be reconsidered.

Subsequently,

After debate,

The question was put, Shall the said vote be reconsidered?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

The question again recurring on the motion to commit,

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones, by unanimous consent,

The said bill, with the amendment of the Senate, was committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the special order of the day for Friday, the 12th of January next.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary, which was handed in at the Speaker's table;

Also, a message notifying the House that he did, on the 14th instant, approve and sign bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 393. An act for the relief of Jacob McLellan;

H. R. 437. An act for the relief of Isaac M. Sigler, of Putnam county, Indiana; and

H. Res. 39. Joint resolution for the relief of the children of Captain Thomas Porter, deceased;

And that, on the 16th instant, he approved and signed a bill of the following title, viz:

H. R. 418. An act for the relief of Enoch S. More.

Mr. Richardson, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 573) for military roads in the United States; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Territories.

Mr. Samuel A. Smith, by unanimous consent, introduced bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 574. A bill for the relief of certain officers and soldiers of the army and navy who served in the war of 1812 ;

H. R. 575. A bill to constitute Chattanooga, in the State of Tennessee, a port of delivery ; and

H. R. 576. A bill to amend the post office laws ; which were severally read a first and second time, and referred as follows, viz :

H. R. 574, to the Committee on Military Affairs.

H. R. 575, to the Committee on Commerce.

H. R. 576, to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Hillyer, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 577) for the relief of William Harris ; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mr. Robbins, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution ; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz :

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be requested to inquire into the expediency of placing the officers, seamen, and marines, who served in the gulf squadron during the Mexican war, on the same footing as to bounty land, extra pay, &c., as was granted by Congress to those who served in the Pacific squadron during the same period, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Wells, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution ; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to inform the House whether, in his opinion, the building authorized by act of last session to be erected at Milwaukie for a custom-house, post office, and court-room, is sufficiently large to accommodate properly those purposes.

Mr. Phillips, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 578) to authorize the construction of six steam sloops-of-war ; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Orr, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution ; which was read and referred to the Committee on Printing, viz :

Resolved, That 2,000 copies of the annual report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, with the accompanying papers, be printed and bound for the use of the Indian bureau.

Mr. Hughes gave notice, under the rule, of his intention to move for leave to introduce a bill making an appropriation for working and paying current expenses of steam-dredge on Lake Champlain.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, bills and joint resolutions of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 293. An act to provide for the extinguishment of the title of the Chippewa Indians to the lands owned and claimed by them in the Territory of Minnesota and State of Wisconsin, and for their domestication and civilization ;

H. R. 325. An act for the relief of James S. Graham and Walter H. Finnall ;

H. R. 381. An act for the relief of Thomas Ellis ;

H. R. 514. An act allowing the further time of two years to those holding lands by entries in the Virginia military district, in Ohio, which

were made prior to January 1, 1852, to have the same surveyed and patented;

H. Res. 26. Joint resolution for the settlement of the claim of Don Juan Jesus Vigil, of New Mexico; and

H. Res. 39. Joint resolution to modify or change the original plan of the custom-house at New Orleans;

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Middlewarth reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 555. A bill making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1856; and

H. R. 561. A bill making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856—
had directed him to report the former with amendments, and the latter without amendment.

The House having proceeded to the consideration of the said bills,

The amendments reported to the bill of the House No. 555 were severally agreed to, and both of said bills (Nos. 555 and 561) ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, they were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent, moved that the votes by which the said bills were passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 238. An act to authorize the issue of patents to lands in any State or Territory, in certain cases; and

S. 501. An act supplemental to an act therein mentioned;

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the following message, this day received from the President of the United States, viz:

To the House of Representatives:

I transmit a report from the Secretary of War, with accompanying papers, in answer to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 2d of August last, requesting such information as may be in the possession of the War Department, touching the cause of any difficulties which may have arisen between the Creek and Seminole Indians since their removal west of the Mississippi, and other matters concerning the tribes.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, December 18, 1854.

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents be laid on the table and printed.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Walsh, at 4 o'clock and 15 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1854.

The following petitions and memorial were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Drum: The petition of William Craig, an invalid soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions;

Also, the petition of the heirs of Captain Lemuel Miller, who was killed in the service of the revolutionary war, for seven years' half-pay and interest; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Richardson: The petition of the register and receiver of the land office at Quincy, Illinois, for additional compensation for services, under the act of August 4, 1854, to graduate the price of the public lands; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Chandler: The memorial of the professors and students of the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, that government send out an expedition to the Polar seas, in search of Captain Kane and crew.

By Mr. Peckham: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, of like import with the foregoing.

Ordered, That said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. John L. Taylor: The petition of Julianna Doddridge, widow of Philip Doddridge, late of Virginia, deceased, for compensation for certain services performed by him as chairman of a select committee to prepare a code of laws for the District of Columbia; which was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

By Mr. Thomas D. Eliot: The petition of Rhoda Jennings, widow of Runsford Jennings, deceased—heretofore presented June 11, 1850; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Nichols: The petition of Jacob Boyer, for pay of his father, Louis Boyer, for revolutionary services; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Lewis, the petition of himself, in behalf of his constituents, citizens of the State of Virginia, for the establishment of a mail-route from toll-gate on the northwestern turnpike to Sistersville, in Tyler county, in said State; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Phelps, by unanimous consent, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill (H. R. 579) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856; which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent, from the same committee, re-

ported a bill (H. R. 580) making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defence, and for repairs of barracks and quarters, for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856; which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fuller, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. W. Bucknam, reported a bill (H. R. 581) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a register to the schooner "Sarah;" which was read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

This being one of the days set apart for the consideration of business relating to the District of Columbia,

The Speaker proceeded to call the Committee for the District of Columbia for reports; when

Mr. Hamilton, from the said committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 582. A bill to amend the charter of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia;

H. R. 583. A bill for the liquidation of the penitentiary indebtedness;

which were read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Hamilton, from the same committee, reported the following resolution; which was read, and, by unanimous consent, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be requested to inform the House whether, in his judgment, any enactment by Congress is necessary for the permanent organization of the hospital for the insane of the army and navy, and of the District of Columbia, a portion of which is now nearly completed; and, in case he deems it needful, to report to the House such a plan of organization as he may think will best promote the benevolent objects of the institution.

Mr. John G. Davis, from the same committee, reported a bill (H. R. 584) to incorporate the St. Joseph's Male Orphan Asylum, in the District of Columbia; which was read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States bills and joint resolutions of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 293. An act to provide for the extinguishment of the title of the Chippewa Indians to the lands owned and claimed by them in the Territory of Minnesota and State of Wisconsin, and for their domestication and civilization.

H. R. 325. An act for the relief of James S. Graham and Walter H. Finnall.

H. R. 381. An act for the relief of Thomas Ellis.

H. R. 514. An act allowing the further time of two years to those holding lands by entries in the Virginia military district in Ohio, which were made prior to 1st January, 1852, to have the same surveyed and patented.

H. Res. 26. Joint resolution for the settlement of the claim of Don Juan Jesus Vigil, of New Mexico.

H. Res. 39. Joint resolution to modify or change the original plan of the custom-house at New Orleans.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Phelps reported that the Committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly bills of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 354. A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to establish an auxiliary watch for the protection of public and private property in the city of Washington," approved August 23, 1842;

H. R. 355. A bill granting certain additional powers to the Corporation of Washington;

H. R. 357. A bill authorizing the Washington Gas Light Company to increase the capital stock of said company;

H. R. 507. A bill to incorporate the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the District of Columbia; and

S. 16. An act to suppress the circulation of small notes as a currency in the District of Columbia—
had directed him to report the bills of the House numbered 354 and 357 without amendment, bills of the House numbered 355 and 507 with amendments, and that the committee had come to no resolution on the bill of the Senate No. 16.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, without amendment, viz :

H. R. 281. An act for the relief of Brigadier General John E. Wool.

H. R. 443. An act vesting the title of the United States to certain land in the city of Cincinnati.

H. R. 566. An act to change the name of the American-built brig Como to that of Jehossee, and to grant her a new register.

H. R. 581. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a register to the schooner "Sarah."

The Senate have also passed bills of the following titles, viz :

S. 471. An act for the relief of J. H. F. Thornton, Lawrence Taliaferro, and Hay T. Taliaferro, sureties of D. M. F. Thornton, late a purser in the navy of the United States; and

S. 519. An act for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands;
in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Samuel H. Walley a member of the Committee of Claims in the place of Mr. Letcher, excused.

Mr. John G. Davis submitted the following resolution ; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz :

Resolved, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the bill of the Senate, (No. 16,) entitled "An act to suppress the circulation of small notes as a currency in the District of Columbia," shall cease in five minutes after its consideration is resumed, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

Mr. John G. Davis moved that the House again resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pending which,

Mr. Richard H. Stanton moved, at 2 o'clock and 47 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn ; which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put on the motion of Mr. John G. Davis, And it was decided in the affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union ; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Phelps reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the Senate (No. 16) entitled "An act to suppress the circulation of small notes as a currency in the District of Columbia," had found itself without a quorum, and that he had caused the roll to be called, when it appeared that the following named members were absent :

James C. Allen, William S. Ashe, David J. Bailey, Thomas H. Bayly, Edward Ball, Nathaniel P. Banks, jr., William Barksdale, William S. Barry, Nathan Belcher, Peter H. Bell, Samuel P. Benson, Thomas H. Benton, William H. Bissell, George Bliss, John C. Breckinridge, Lewis D. Campbell, Samuel Caruthers, Elijah W. Ghastain, James S. Chrisman, William M. Churchwell, Samuel Clark, Thomas L. Clingman, Alfred H. Colquitt, John P. Cook, Leander M. Cox, Thomas W. Cumming, Carlton B. Curtis, Francis B. Cutting, William B. W. Dent, Alexander De Witt, Edward Dickinson, David T. Disney, James F. Dowdell, Augustus Drum, Cyrus L. Dunham, Ben C. Eastman, Norman Eddy, Alfred P. Edgerton, John M. Elliott, Andrew Ellison, William H. English, Emerson Etheridge, E. Wilder Farley, Charles J. Faulkner, Reuben E. Fenton, Thomas T. Flagler, James Gamble, Joshua R. Giddings, Frederick W. Green, Ben Edwards Grey, Sampson W. Harris, Wiley P. Harris, John Scott Harrison, Bernhart Henn, Harry Hibbard, Isaac E. Hiester, Clement S. Hill, Junius Hillyer, Colin M. Ingersoll, Roland Jones, Lawrence M. Keitt, Zedekiah Kidwell, William H. Kurtz, Alfred W. Lamb, James H. Lane, Milton S. Latham, Samuel Lilly, James J. Lindley, Caleb Lyon, James A. McDougall, Fayette McMullen, John McQueen, Daniel Mace, Orsamus B. Matteson, James Maurice, James Meacham, John G. Miller, Smith Miller, Matthias H. Nichols, David A. Noble, Edson B. Olds, James L. Orr, Philip Phillips, Paulus Powell, William Preston, Richard C. Puryear, Charles Ready, David A. Reese, William A. Richardson, Thomas

Ritchey, Peter Rowe, Alvah Sabin, Russell Sage, James L. Seward, Wilson Shannon, Samuel A. Smith, William Smith, William R. Smith, Augustus R. Sollers, Richard H. Stanton, Alexander H. Stephens, Hestor L. Stevens, Nathan T. Stratton, Andrew Stuart, David Stuart, William M. Tweed, George Vail, Hiram Walbridge, William A. Walker, Edward A. Warren, John Wentworth, Theodorick R. Westbrook, John Wheeler, William H. Witte, Hendrick B. Wright, Felix K. Zollicoffer.

No quorum being yet present,

On motion of Mr. Peck, at 3 o'clock and 20 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1854.

John W. Whitfield, the delegate elect from the Territory of Kansas, appeared, was sworn to support the Constitution of the United States, and took a seat in the House.

The following petitions and other papers were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Nathaniel Taylor: The petition of citizens of the State of Tennessee who served in the war of 1812, for the passage of a general pension law for the soldiers of said war; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, the petition of citizens of the same State, for bounty land to the soldiers of the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Hibbard: The petition of Charles W. March, Jacob Cutter, R. C. Cutter, and Horatio Coffin, sureties of Charles W. Cutter, late collector at Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire, praying for relief; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Haven: The petition of Asel Wilkinson—heretofore presented January 7, 1850; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Caruthers: The petition of Joseph H. Bradley, J. C. McKelden, Esau Pickrell, and associates, citizens of the city of Washington, and District of Columbia, for an act of incorporation for a Savings Bank in said city; which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Goodwin: The petition of citizens of the county of Madison, State of New York, that the soldiers of the war with Great Britain, in 1812, be granted pensions and bounty land; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Bernhisel: The letter of Hon. John M. Bernhisel, delegate in Congress from Utah Territory, relative to the contingent expenses of said Territory; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. May: The petition of Daniel Nichel, an invalid soldier of the late war with Mexico, for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Dunbar: The petition of Mary Luzenberg, widow of Dr. C. A. Luzenberg, late of New Orleans, for compensation for the services

of her said husband as surgeon to the marine hospital in said city, from 1843 to 1845; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Fuller, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary for the better defining the rights of the citizens of the United States in ships, vessels, and other property, purchased by them of the citizens and subjects of foreign countries under certain circumstances, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Aiken, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 585) making a further appropriation for deepening the bar of Charleston harbor; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Seward, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 586) to appropriate money to remove obstructions in the Savannah river, and improve the navigation thereof; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Hughes, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 587) making an appropriation for working a steam-dredge on Lake Champlain; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

This being one of the days set apart for the consideration of business relating to the District of Columbia, the House proceeded to the consideration of bills reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union;

When,

Bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 354. A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to establish an auxiliary watch, for the protection of public and private property in the city of Washington," approved August 23, 1842; and

H. R. 357. A bill authorizing the Washington Gas Light Company to increase the capital stock of said company—severally reported without amendment, were ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, they were accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 355. A bill granting additional powers to the corporation of Washington; and

H. R. 507. A bill to incorporate the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the District of Columbia—severally reported with amendments, were next taken up, and the said amendments severally agreed to.

Ordered, That the said bills be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, they were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the

committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, bills of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 281. An act for the relief of Brigadier General John E. Wool ;

H. R. 443. An act vesting the title of the United States to certain lands in the city of Cincinnati ;

H. R. 566. An act to change the name of the American-built brig Como, to that of Jchossee, and to grant her a new register ;

H. R. 581. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a register to the schooner " Sarah ;"

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary ; which was handed in at the Speaker's table. Also a message notifying the House that he did, on the 19th instant, approve and sign bills and joint resolutions of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 514. An act allowing the further time of two years to those holding lands by entries in the Virginia military district in Ohio, which were made prior to January 1, 1852, to have the same surveyed and patented.

H. R. 381. An act for the relief of Thomas Ellis.

H. Res. 39. Joint resolution to modify or change the original plan of the custom-house at New Orleans.

H. Res. 26. Joint resolution for the settlement of the claim of Don Juan Jesus Vigil, of New Mexico.

H. R. 293. An act to provide for the extinguishment of the title of the Chippewa Indians to the lands owned and claimed by them in the Territory of Minnesota and State of Wisconsin, and for their domestication and civilization.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union ; and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair ; and Mr. Phelps reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly bills of the following titles, viz :

S. 16. An act to suppress the circulation of small notes as a currency in the District of Columbia ;

H. R. 516. A bill allowing the Metropolitan railroad to extend into the District of Columbia, and for other purposes ; and

H. R. 517. A bill authorizing the corporate authorities of Georgetown to impose additional taxes, and for other purposes—

Had directed him to report the two first-named bills with amendments, and that the committee had come to no resolution on the last-named bill.

Mr. Cobb submitted the following resolution ; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz :

Resolved, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the bill of the House (No. 517) authorizing the corporate authorities of Georgetown to impose additional taxes, and for other purposes, shall cease in five minutes after its consideration is resumed, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such

amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Cobb, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Phelps reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 517. A bill authorizing the corporate authorities of Georgetown to impose additional taxes, and for other purposes;

H. R. 531. A bill to incorporate an insurance company in the city of Washington; and

H. R. 583. A bill for the liquidation of the penitentiary indebtedness;

had directed him to report H. R. 517 with amendments, H. R. 583 without amendment, and H. R. 531 with a recommendation that it be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the bills this day reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

When,

The bill of the Senate (S. 16) entitled "An act to suppress the circulation of small notes as a currency in the District of Columbia," reported with amendments, was taken up; and, under the operation of the previous question, the said amendments were severally disagreed to, and the bill ordered to be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Hamilton moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

The bill of the House (No. 516) allowing the Metropolitan railroad to extend into the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, reported with amendments, was next taken up.

Mr. Haven moved further to amend the said bill by inserting after the word "respectively," in the *ninth* line of the second section, the following words, viz: "*but in no event shall the said corporation use any of the streets of either of said cities without the consent of the municipal authorities thereof respectively.*"

Pending which,

Mr. Hamilton moved the previous question; which was seconded, and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole, and the amendment submitted by Mr. Haven, were respectively agreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Hamilton moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed

be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

The bill of the House (No. 531) to incorporate an insurance company in the city of Washington was next taken up.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

The bill of the House (No. 583) for the liquidation of the penitentiary indebtedness, reported without amendment, was next taken up.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

The bill of the House (No. 517) authorizing the corporate authorities of Georgetown to impose additional taxes, and for other purposes, reported with amendments, was next taken up.

Pending the question on agreeing to the said amendments,

Mr. Hamilton moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. Letcher moved that the bill be laid on the table.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Letcher, at 3 o'clock and 25 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1854.

Another member appeared, viz:

From the State of Iowa—John P. Cook.

The following petitions were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Boyd: The petition of Caleb Jones, for a donation of the public lands to a colony of emigrants for actual settlement and cultivation; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Maxwell: The petition of Lewis Benedict—heretofore presented December 17, 1847; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Morgan: The petition of Sarah Irving, widow of William Irving, late a clerk in the Census Bureau, for the difference of salary between that of a \$1,000 clerkship and the pay of the Superintendent of the Seventh Census, for the time that he performed the duties of the latter office; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Maxwell: The petition of Purser Samuel P. Todd—heretofore presented January 18, 1848; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Singleton: The petition of the register and receiver of the land office at Jackson, Mississippi, for increase of compensation under the act of August 4, 1854, for the graduation of the price of public lands; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Fenton: The petition of citizens of Clinton county, New York, for bounty land to soldiers who served in the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Banks: The petition of E. A. Lester, of Boston, Massachu-

setts, for compensation for services rendered the government of the United States, in constructing a fifty-horse power engine for the dry-dock at Charlestown, in said State, in 1827; which was referred to the Committee of Claims, together with the petition and papers heretofore presented January 16, 1834.

By Mr. Sage: The petition of Henry Smalley, of Troy, New York, for compensation for setting buoys in the Hudson river, in the years 1852 and 1853.

By Mr. Fenton: The petition of ship-owners, &c., of New Orleans, Louisiana, for apprenticing boys to the merchant service.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. May: The petition of members of the bar in the District of Columbia, for a reform in the judicial system of said District; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Edgerton: The petition of Jonas W. Nye, assignee of Peter Bargy, jr., and Hugh Stewart, for further remuneration for losses sustained by him in McAdamizing Pennsylvania avenue, in 1832—heretofore presented in the Senate of the United States, February 5, 1846; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the following message, received yesterday, from the President of the United States, viz:

To the House of Representatives:

I transmit a report from the Secretary of State, with accompanying papers, in answer to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 27th of July last.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, *December 16, 1854.*

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and printed.

The Speaker also laid before the House the following executive communications, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting detailed statements of the manner in which the contingent fund of his department has been expended during the last fiscal year; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Postmaster General, submitting estimates of the sums of money expected to be required for the service of his department for the next fiscal year; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

III. A letter from the Postmaster General, submitting an estimate for the ocean mail service for the next fiscal year; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Vansant, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 586) to provide for the accommodation of the courts of the United States in the district of Maryland, and for a post office at Baltimore city, Maryland; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Territories be discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution of the House (H. Res. 37) for the relief of John L. Smith and James McGaw, and that the same be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the propriety of further legislation for the better protection of officers of the United States, and other persons engaged in the execution of the laws thereof, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Roland Jones, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 589) for the relief of C. E. Greneaux; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Macy, by unanimous consent, introduced bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 590. A bill making appropriations for the repair, preservation, and completion, of certain public works in the State of Wisconsin, heretofore commenced under the authority of law;

H. R. 591. A bill for the commencement and completion of certain public works in the State of Wisconsin, therein named; which were severally read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. William Smith, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be, and they are hereby, directed to inquire into the expediency of purchasing a lot, and constructing a building suitable for the accommodation of the custom-house, post-office, and district court of the United States, in Alexandria, in the State of Virginia.

On motion of Mr. William Smith, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That a report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, in the case of the legal representatives of Gustavus B. Horner, deceased, (to accompany H. R. 469) be printed.

Mr. Maxwell, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 592) to provide for holding the United States courts in the northern and southern districts of Florida, in case of the sickness or disability of either of the judges of those districts; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Simmons, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the completion of the breakwater in the harbor of Plattsburg, on Lake Champlain, and for the purchase of a site, and the erection of a building at that place suitable for a custom-house, post-office, and court-house, for holding the United States courts in the northern district of New York.

Mr. Richardson, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Territories be authorized to employ

a clerk, at the rate of four dollars per day, provided said clerk shall not be employed to exceed thirty days.

Mr. Thomas Davis, by unanimous consent, presented joint resolutions of the legislature of the State of Rhode Island, as follows, viz:

In relation to a navy-yard in Narragansett Bay;

In relation to cheap postages; and

Respecting the officers, soldiers, and sailors, who served in the war of 1812;

which were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Zollicoffer, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 593) to regulate and make uniform the right of suffrage in the several Territories of the United States; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Territories.

Mr. Fenton gave notice, under the rule, of his intention to move for leave to introduce a bill for continuing the improvement of the harbor at Dunkirk, New York, on Lake Erie.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 517) authorizing the corporate authorities of Georgetown to impose additional taxes, and for other purposes, reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole with amendments; the pending question being on the motion of Mr. Letcher to lay the same upon the table.

The question being put, Shall the said bill be laid on the table?

It was decided in the negative,	{ Yeas.....	49
	{ Nays	86

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Robert M. Bugg
Burton Craige
John L. Dawson
Alfred P. Edgerton
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas B. Florence
Joshua B. Giddings
Alfred B. Greenwood
Galusha A. Grow
Sampson W. Harris
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes

Mr. George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
George W. Kittredge
John Letcher
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindaley
John McCulloch
John McNair
Smith Miller
George W. Morrison
Matthias H. Nichols
Andrew Oliver
Asa Packer
William Preston
Charles Ready
David A. Reese

Mr. John Robbins, jr.
Thomas Ruffin
Origen S. Seymour
Henry M. Shaw
Charles Skelton
George W. Smyth
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
John J. Taylor
Andrew Tracy
Michael C. Trout
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
Samuel H. Walley
Mike Walsh
Edward A. Warren.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
William Appleton
Edward Ball
George Bliss
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Preston S. Brooks
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter

Mr. Joseph B. Chandler
George W. Chase
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom

Mr. Carlton B. Curtis
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
Edward Dickinson
Thomas D. Elliot
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge
E. Wilder Farley
John R. Franklin
Thomas J. D. Fuller

Mr. John Z. Goodrich
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Frederick W. Green
 William T. Hamilton
 Aaron Harlan
 Andrew J. Harlan
 Wiley P. Harris
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Isaac E. Hiester
 Clement S. Hill
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Colin M. Ingersoll
 Harvey H. Johnson
 Roland Jones
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 James Knox
 William H. Kurtz
 Alfred W. Lamb
 Moses Macdonald

Mr. John McQueen
 Daniel Mace
 John B. Macy
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 Henry May
 Samuel Mayall
 James Meacham
 Jesse O. Norton
 Mordecai Oliver
 James L. Orr
 Samuel W. Parker
 John S. Phelps
 Philip Phillips
 Richard C. Puryear
 George Read Riddle
 David Ritchie
 Thomas Ritchey
 Sion H. Rogers
 Samuel L. Russell

Mr. Alvah Sabin
 William R. Sapp
 Jacob Shower
 George A. Simmons
 Samuel A. Smith
 William Smith
 Richard H. Stanton
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Charles W. Upham
 William A. Walker
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Tappan Wentworth
 Theodor R. Westbrook
 Richard Yates
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the House refused to lay the bill upon the table.

The question then recurring on the demand for the previous question, (submitted yesterday by Mr. Hamilton,) it was seconded, and the main question ordered; and, under the operation thereof, the amendments reported to the said bill were agreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on its passage,

Mr. Hamilton moved the previous question; which was seconded, and the main question ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 83
 { Nays..... 63

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
 William Appleton
 Edward Ball
 George Bliss
 William W. Boyce
 Samuel A. Bridges
 Francis M. Bristow
 Preston S. Brooks
 Lewis D. Campbell
 Davis Carpenter
 Joseph R. Chandler
 George W. Chase
 James S. Chrisman
 Samuel Clark
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 Leander M. Cox
 Samuel L. Crocker
 William Cullom
 Carlton B. Curtis
 John G. Davis
 Thomas Davis
 Edward Dickinson
 Henry A. Edmundson
 Thomas D. Eliot
 William H. English
 Emerson Etheridge
 John R. Franklin
 Thomas J. D. Fuller

Mr. John Z. Goodrich
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Frederick W. Green
 William T. Hamilton
 Aaron Harlan
 Wiley P. Harris
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Clement S. Hill
 Junius Hillyer
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Roland Jones
 John Kerr
 James Knox
 William H. Kurtz
 Alfred W. Lamb
 Milton S. Latham
 Moses Macdonald
 Fayette McMullen
 John McQueen
 Daniel Mace
 John B. Macy
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 Samuel Mayall
 Jesse O. Norton
 Mordecai Oliver
 James L. Orr
 Samuel W. Parker
 John Perkins, jr.

Mr. John S. Phelps
 James T. Pratt
 Richard C. Puryear
 George Read Riddle
 Sion H. Rogers
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 George A. Simmons
 Otho R. Singleton
 Samuel A. Smith
 William Smith
 William R. Smith
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Richard H. Stanton
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Charles W. Upham
 William A. Walker
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 Tappan Wentworth
 Theodor R. Westbrook
 Richard Yates
 Felix K. Zollicoffer

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. John S. Caskie
Burton Craige
John L. Dawson
James F. Dowdell
Alfred P. Edgerton
Andrew Ellison
E. Wilder Farley
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas B. Florence
Joshua R. Giddings
Alfred B. Greenwood
Galusha A. Grow
Andrew J. Harlan
Sampson W. Harris
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Colin M. Ingersoll

Mr. Harvey H. Johnson
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
George W. Kittredge
James H. Lane
John Letcher
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindale
John McCulloch
John McNair
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
George W. Morrison
Matthias H. Nichols
Andrew Oliver
Asa Packer
Jared V. Peck
Bishop Perkins
William Preston
Charles Ready
David A. Reese

Mr. David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Thomas Ruffin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
Origen S. Seymour
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
Charles Skelton
George W. Smyth
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
John J. Taylor
Andrew Tracy
Michael C. Trout
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
Samuel H. Walley
Mike Walsh
Edward A. Warren.

So the bill was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Hamilton moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 376. An act for the relief of James Butler; and

H. R. 461. An act for the relief of Mary Rutherford, widow of Samuel Rutherford—
without amendment; and

H. R. 133. An act to secure the right of citizenship to children of citizens of the United States, born out of the limits thereof; and

H. R. 554. An act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856—

with amendments; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have also passed a bill of the following title, viz:

S. 497. An act to continue in force for a limited period the "Act to ascertain and settle private land claims in the State of California;" in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, a bill of the following title, viz:

S. 16. An act to suppress the circulation of small notes as a currency in the District of Columbia; when,

The Speaker signed the same.

This being one of the days set apart for the consideration of business relating to the District of Columbia,

Mr. May, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 445) to reorganize the courts in the District of Columbia, and to reform and improve the laws thereof, reported the same with amendments; and the House proceeded to the consideration of the same.

After debate,

Mr. George W. Jones moved the previous question; which was seconded.

Pending the question on ordering the main question,

Mr. Sage moved, at 3 o'clock and 15 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put, Shall the main question be now put?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 82
Nays..... 53

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
David J. Bailey
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Preston S. Brooks
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Leander M. Cox
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
William Dunbar
Alfred P. Edgerton
Andrew Ellison
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings

Mr. Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Colin M. Ingersoll
George W. Jones
Roland Jones
John Kerr
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindaley
Moses Macdonald
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
John B. Macy
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
George W. Morrison
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Edson B. Olds
Andrew Oliver
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker

Mr. John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbings, jr.
Thomas Ruffin
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
Otho R. Singleton
Charles Skelton
George W. Smyth
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Christian M. Straub
John J. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
Michael C. Trout
Joshua Vansant
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Daniels Wells, jr.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Appleton
Samuel P. Benson
Davis Carpenter
John S. Caskie
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
Thomas Davis
John Dick
Ben C. Eastman

Mr. Thomas D. Eliot,
E. Wilder Farley
Joshua R. Giddings
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Aaron Harlan
Solomon G. Haven
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
J. Glancy Jones

Mr. James Knox
John McCulloch
Samuel Mayall
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
Jesse O. Norton
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David Ritchie
Sion H. Rogers
Samuel L. Ensel

Mr. Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
George A. Simmons
William Smith
Andrew Stuart

Mr. John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Andrew Tracy
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
Samuel H. Walley

Mr. Mike Walsh
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
Richard Yates.

So the main question was ordered to be put.

Mr. Nathaniel G. Taylor moved, at 3 o'clock and 15 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

Under the operation of the previous question, the amendments reported from the Committee on the Judiciary were severally agreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on its passage,

Mr. Hamilton moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. Nathaniel G. Taylor moved, at 3 o'clock and 40 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 45
 Nays..... 76

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Appleton
Samuel P. Benson
Davis Carpenter
John S. Caskie
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
Thomas Davis
John Dick
Ben C. Eastman
Thomas D. Eliot
E. Wilder Farley
John Z. Goodrich

Mr. Galusha A. Grow
Aaron Harlan
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
J. Glancy Jones
James Knox
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
Jesse O. Norton
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Richard C. Puryear
David Ritchie
Sion H. Rogers

Mr. Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
George A. Simmons
William Smith
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
Samuel H. Walley
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
Richard Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
David J. Bailey
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
Samuel A. Bridges
Preston S. Brooks
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Leander M. Cox
Burton Craige
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson

Mr. William Dunbar
Alfred P. Edgerton
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
William T. Hamilton
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Colin M. Ingersoll
George W. Jones

Mr. Roland Jones
John Kerr
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindsley
Moses Macdonald
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
John B. Macy
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
George W. Morrison

Mr. Edson B. Olds
 Andrew Oliver
 James L. Orr
 Aaa Packer
 Samuel W. Parker
 John Perkins, jr.
 John S. Phelps
 Philip Phillips
 William A. Richardson
 George Read Riddle

Mr. Thomas Ritchey
 John Robbins, jr.
 Thomas Ruffin
 Origen S. Seymour
 Wilson Shannon
 Henry M. Shaw
 Jacob Shower
 Otho R. Singleton
 Charles Skelton

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton
 Hestor L. Stevens
 John J. Taylor
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Michael C. Trout
 Joshua Vaneant
 Hiram Walbridge
 William A. Walker
 Mike Walsh.

So the House refused to adjourn.

The question then recurring on the demand for the previous question, it was seconded, and the main question ordered to be put.

Mr. Israel Washburn, jr., moved that the vote by which the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time be reconsidered.

Pending which,

Mr. Pennington moved, at 3 o'clock and 55 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. Israel Washburn, jr., to reconsider.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, the said motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question again recurred on the passage of the bill.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Sage, at 4 o'clock p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1854.

The following petitions and memorials were laid on the Clerk's table under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. John L. Taylor: The petition of citizens of the county of Pope, Ohio, for the establishment of a mail route from Chillicothe to Clarksburg, in said county; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Cobb: The petition of William L. S. Dearing, for compensation as services as surveyor—heretofore presented February 6, 1840;

Also, the petition of William L. S. Dearing, for relief as the purchaser of four sections of land—heretofore presented February 14, 1838.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. William Smith: The petition of H. O. Claughton, commercial agent of the United States at the Island of St. Martin's, for relief; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Macdonald: The petition of George A. McGruder, for the difference of pay of a lieutenant and that of a captain, for the time he performed the duties of the latter station on board of the United States frigate Columbia; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Wiley P. Harris: The petition of J. S. Swift, for an appropriation to aid in the establishment of a polytechnic school in connex-

ion with the Smithsonian Institution ; which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

By Mr. Henn: The petition of Joseph Kerr, to be relieved from an error in bid on mail-route No. 9414, in the State of Iowa.

By Mr. Phelps: The petition of Messrs. Martindale and Hudson, of the State of Wisconsin, mail contractors, for increase of compensation.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Cobb: The petition of citizens of Madison county, in the State of Alabama, that pensions be granted to the soldiers of the war of 1812 ; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Phelps: The petition of the register and receiver of the land office at Clinton, Missouri, for increase pay for services under the act of 4th August, 1854, to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands.

By Mr. Maxwell: The petition of citizens of Tampa, Florida, for a grant to said town of certain reserved lands.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Richard H. Stanton: The petition of Frederica A. Kane, widow of Capt. Elias F. Kane, late of the United States army, for a pension ; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Hibbard: The petition of citizens of Kittery, in the State of Maine, for the right of way across the land belonging to the navy yard to the main land ; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Mr. Lancaster: The memorial of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Washington, relative to mail service between Columbia City and Astoria ; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Also, the petition of citizens of the Territory of Washington, that the title of S. Maynard may be confirmed to the land upon which the town of Seattle is located ;

Also, the petition of citizens of Washington Territory, that the claim of Edmund Sylvester be confirmed to the tract of land on which Olympia is located.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Also, the memorials of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Washington, for an appropriation to complete the geological survey of said Territory ; also for the construction of military roads from Billingham bay, by the way of Seattle, &c., to the Dalles, on the Columbia river ; also, for an amendment of the organic law of said Territory, in relation to the apportionment of the representatives in the legislative assembly of said Territory ; also, in relation to the accounts of the marshal of said Territory ; which were referred to the Committee on the Territories.

Also, the memorial of the legislative assembly of the same Territory, in relation to the establishment of the northern boundary line of said Territory ; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Also, a memorial of the legislative assembly of the same Territory for an appropriation of \$15,000 to build a depository for arms for said Territory ; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, the memorial of the same, for the extinction of the Indian title to lands east of the Cascade mountains; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Also, the memorial of the same, for a marine hospital on Puget's Sound; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, the memorials of the same, relative to making the town of Seattle a port of delivery; also, a port of delivery at Pennis Cove; also, a port of delivery at Budd's harbor;

Also, the petition of citizens of said Territory, that Shoal Water bay be declared a port of delivery;

Also, the petition of himself, that the city of Columbia, and Olympia, the capital of said Territory, be declared ports of delivery.

By Mr. May: The memorial of the Board of Trade of the city of Baltimore, Maryland, relative to apprenticing boys on board of merchant vessels.

Ordered, That said memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Mace: The petition of the executor of Henry M. Shreve—heretofore presented December 30, 1833; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent, reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a bill (H. R. 594) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1856; which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Andrew Oliver, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Jacob Kerr, for the purpose of reference in the Senate.

The said papers were thereupon handed to Mr. Oliver.

Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent, reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a bill (H. R. 595) making appropriations for the transportation of the United States mail by ocean-steamers and otherwise during the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1856; which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and, together with letters from the Secretary of the Navy and the Postmaster General, respectively printed.

On motion of Mr. Hibbard, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the legislature of the Territory of Washington, relative to claims for rescuing the passengers and crew of the ship Georgiana, and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Hibbard, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting to the Seavy's Island Bridge Company the right to build a bridge across an arm of the Piscataqua river, between Seavy's island and the navy yard at Kittery, Maine, and a right of way across said navy yard to the village of Kittery.

Mr. Wells, by unanimous consent, introduced bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 596. A bill making further appropriation for the continuation of the improvement of the harbor at Milwaukie, Wisconsin;

H. R. 597. A bill making further appropriation for the improvement of the harbor at Racine, Wisconsin;

H. R. 598. A bill making further appropriation for the continuation of the improvement of the harbor at Kenosha, Wisconsin ; which were severally read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Fuller, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the joint resolution of the House (H. Res. 40) authorizing the President of the United States to adopt measures to procure the erection of a first-class light-house on Cape Race, reported the same with an amendment, in the nature of a substitute therefor.

After debate,

Mr. William Smith moved that the said resolution be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pending which,

Mr. William Smith moved the previous question, and the House refused to second the same.

After further debate,

Mr. Fuller moved the previous question ; which was seconded, and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the motion to commit was disagreed to.

The question then recurring on the amendment reported from the Committee on Commerce,

Mr. Letcher moved that the resolution be laid on the table ; which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put, Will the House agree to the said amendment?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on the passage of the resolution.

After debate,

Mr. Chandler moved the previous question ; which was seconded, and the main question ordered and put, viz : Shall the resolution pass ?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 78
Nays..... 52

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
William Appleton
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Joseph R. Chandler

Mr. George W. Chase
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
Francis B. Cutting
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
William Dunbar
Thomas D. Eliot

Mr. Emerson Etheridge
E. Wilder Farley
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
Joshua R. Giddings
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Frederick W. Green

Mr. Galusha A. Grow
 Aaron Harlan
 George Hastings
 Solomon G. Haven
 Clement S. Hill
 Thomas M. Howe
 Charles Hughes
 J. Glancy Jones
 John Kerr
 George W. Kittredge
 James Knox
 William H. Kurtz
 James H. Lane
 Milton S. Latham
 John McCulloch
 James A. McDougall
 Daniel Mace

Mr. Henry May
 Samuel Mayall
 Matthias H. Nichols
 Jesse O. Norton
 Andrew Oliver
 Mordecai Oliver
 Rufus W. Peckham
 Bishop Perkins
 Charles Ready
 David Ritchie
 John Robbins, jr.
 Sion H. Rogers
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 William R. Sapp
 Origen S. Seymour

Mr. Wilson Shannon
 Richard H. Stanton
 Heator L. Stevens
 Andrew Stuart
 John J. Taylor
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Andrew Tracy
 Charles W. Upham
 Edward Wade
 Hiram Walbridge
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 Tappan Wentworth
 Richard Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
 James C. Allen
 William S. Barry
 William W. Boyce
 John C. Breckinridge
 Samuel A. Bridges
 Francis M. Bristow
 John S. Caskie
 James S. Chrisman
 Samuel Clark
 Thomas L. Clingman
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 Leander M. Cox
 Burton Craige
 William Cullom
 John G. Davis
 James F. Dowdell
 Norman Eddy

Mr. Henry A. Edmundson
 John M. Elliott
 Andrew Ellison
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 William T. Hamilton
 Andrew J. Harlan
 Wiley P. Harris
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Junius Hillyer
 George S. Houston
 George W. Jones
 Roland Jones
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 Alfred W. Lamb
 John Letcher
 Samuel Lilly
 James J. Lindley

Mr. William D. Lindsey
 Fayette McMullen
 John McNair
 Smith Miller
 James L. Orr
 Samuel W. Parker
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 John S. Phelps
 James T. Pratt
 Thomas Ruffin
 Samuel A. Smith
 William Smith
 Michael C. Trout
 Mike Walsh
 Edward A. Warren
 Daniel B. Wright
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the resolution was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Fuller moved that the vote by which the said resolution was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the annual report of the Superintendent of the Coast Survey for the year ending November 1, 1854, with an accompanying map, prepared in accordance with a provision of the act of March 3, 1853; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Robbins submitted the following resolution; which was read, and referred to the Committee on Printing, viz:

Resolved, That ten thousand copies of the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating the report of the Superintendent of the Coast Survey for the year 1854, in addition to the usual number, be printed, five thousand thereof for the use of the House, and the remainder for distribution by the Coast Survey Office; and that the same be printed and bound with the plates, in quarto form, and that the plates be printed under the direction of the Coast Survey Office.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, in answer to a resolution of the House of the 18th instant, relative to the insufficiency of the building authorized to be constructed at Milwaukie, Wisconsin, for custom-house and other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Hillyer,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it adjourn until Tuesday next.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 445) to reorganize the courts in the District of Columbia, and to reform and improve the laws thereof.

The pending question being on its passage, and upon which the main question was yesterday ordered to be put,

On motion of Mr. Caskie, by unanimous consent, the said bill was amended, by striking out the words "United States," in the 14th line of the 8th section, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "*accused*."

The question was then put, Shall the bill pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 113
Nays..... 35

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie

William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
Thomas H. Bayly
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William S. Barry
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Preston S. Brooks
Samuel Carothers
John S. Caskie
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
Carlton B. Curtis
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
Henry A. Edmundson
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
Emerson Etheridge
E. Wilder Farley
Charles J. Faulkner
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
Henry C. Goodwin

Mr. Frederick W. Green

Alfred B. Greenwood
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Andrew J. Harlan
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Junius Hillyer
George S. Houston
Harvey H. Johnson
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
Zedekiah Kidwell
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindeley
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
Fayette McMullen
John McNair
John McQueen
John B. Macy
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Smith Miller
George W. Morrison
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble

Mr. Andrew Oliver

James L. Orr
Samuel W. Parker
Rufus W. Peckham
Bishop Perkins
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
William Preston
David A. Reese
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Thomas Ruffin
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Otho R. Singleton
Samuel A. Smith
George W. Smyth
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
John J. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
Michael C. Trout
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Mike Walsh
Daniel Wells, jr.
Theodoric R. Westbrook
Daniel B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Samuel P. Benson
Davis Carpenter
George W. Chase
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
Thomas Davis
John Dick
Thomas D. Eliot
Joshua E. Giddings
John Z. Goodrich
Aaron Harlan

Mr. Clement S. Hill
Charles Hughes
James Knox
John McCulloch
Jesse O. Norton
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
Sion H. Rogers
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp

Mr. William Smith
William E. Smith
John L. Taylor
Andrew Tracy
Charles W. Upham
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the bill was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Hamilton moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

This being private bill day,

Bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

S. 437. An act for the relief of John Shaw; and

S. 471. An act for the relief of J. H. F. Thornton, Lawrence Taliaferro, and Hay T. Taliaferro, sureties of D. M. F. Thornton, late a purser in the navy of the United States—
were taken from the Speaker's table, read a first and second time, and referred as follows, viz:

S. 437, to the Committee on Indian Affairs;

S. 471, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Orr, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of J. W. Quinney and Z. Peters, delegates from the Stockbridge tribe of Indians; and of J. B. Denel and others, opposed to the re-cession of the lands purchased from the Stockbridge Indians in 1848; and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Orr, by unanimous consent, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Colonel John Shaw, for compensation for provisions, &c., furnished to the Menomonee Indians, made an adverse report thereon; which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Orr, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That certain communications from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, relative to the agreement and convention made and entered into with the Miami tribe of Indians on the 5th of June last, for the purchase of their country west of Missouri, be printed.

Mr. Faulkner, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of James E. Stewart, made an adverse report thereon; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Richard H. Stanton, from the Committee on Printing, submitted

the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That there be printed, for the use of the Postmaster General, fifteen hundred copies of his annual report and appendix accompanying the President's annual message; and, for the use of the Pension Office, one thousand copies of the annual report of the Commissioner of Pensions, with the accompanying tables.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickinson, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 254. An act for the relief of Catharine B. Arnold; and

S. 523. An act to establish a court for the investigation of claims against the United States;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 281. An act for the relief of Brigadier General John E. Wool;

H. R. 566. An act to change the name of the American-built brig Como, to that of Jehossee, and to grant her a new register;

H. R. 581. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a register to the schooner "Sarah;"

S. 238. An act to authorize the issue of patents to lands in any State or Territory in certain cases; and

S. 501. An act supplemental to an act therein mentioned.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary, notifying the House that he did on this day approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 581. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a register to the schooner "Sarah;"

H. R. 566. An act to change the name of the American-built brig Como, to that of Jehossee, and to grant her a new register;

H. R. 281. An act for the relief of Brigadier General John E. Wool; and that he did on the 21st instant approve and sign a bill of the following title, viz:

H. R. 325. An act for the relief of James S. Graham and Walter H. Finnall.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 376. An act for the relief of James Butler; and

H. R. 461. An act for the relief of Mary Rutherford, widow of Samuel Rutherford;

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

Notices were given, under the rule, of motions for leave to introduce bills as follows, viz:

By Mr. Smith Miller: A bill making appropriations to continue the improvements of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers;

By Mr. Mace: A bill for the relief of Andrew Jackson Heaton; and

By Mr. Seymour: A bill making appropriations for the improvement of the harbors of Bridgeport, Norwalk, and Stamford, in the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Edgerton moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

Pending which,

Mr. Cullom moved, at 1 o'clock and 25 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 61
Nays..... 79

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie

William Aiken
Willis Allen
Edward Ball
Francis M. Bristow
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
James S. Chrisman
John P. Cook
Burton Craige
William Cullom
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
Norman Eddy
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Eliot
John M. Elliott
Emerson Etheridge
E. Wilder Farley
Charles J. Faulkner

Mr. John Z. Goodrich

Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Clement S. Hill
Junius Hillyer
Thomas M. Howe
Lawrence M. Keitt
James Knox
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
James J. Lindley
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Samuel Mayall
Mordecai Oliver
Alex. C. M. Pennington
James T. Pratt

Mr. William Preston

David A. Reese
David Ritchie
John Robbins, jr.
Sion H. Rogers
Wilson Shannon
Otho R. Singleton
Samuel A. Smith
William Smith
Richard H. Stanton
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
Charles W. Upham
Mike Walsh
Edward A. Warren
Elliott B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen

David J. Bailey
William S. Barry
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Preston S. Brooks
John S. Caskie
Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
Carlton B. Curtis
John L. Dawson
John Dick
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
Andrew Ellison
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas B. Florence

Mr. Thomas J. D. Fuller

Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
George S. Houston
Harvey H. Johnson
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Roland Jones
Zedekiah Kidwell
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindaley
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald
John McNair
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May

Mr. James Meacham

Smith Miller
George W. Morrison
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Andrew Oliver
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
Thomas Ritchey
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russel Sage
William R. Sapp
Origen S. Seymour
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
Hector L. Stevens
Andrew Stuart

Mr. David Stuart
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor

Mr. Michael C. Trout
Edward Wade

Mr. Daniel Wells, jr.
Daniel B. Wright.

So the House refused to adjourn.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. Edgerton.

And being put, it was decided in the affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. J. Glancy Jones reported that the committee having, according to order, had the private calendar under consideration, had directed him to report bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 273. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Colonel John H. Stone; and

H. R. 282. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Colonel Francis Vigo;
the former without amendment, and the latter with a recommendation that it do not pass.

The House having proceeded to the consideration of the said bills;

Ordered, That the bill of the House No. 273 be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Florence moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the bill of the House No. 282, just reported with a recommendation that it do not pass, be laid on the table.

Mr. Hamilton moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Bridges, at 2 o'clock and 12 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until Tuesday next, at 12 o'clock m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1854.

The following petitions and memorial were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Lewis: The petition of citizens of the State of Virginia, for the establishment of a mail route from Weston, in Lewis county, to Burnersville, in Barbour county, in said State;

Also, the petition of citizens of the same State, for the establishment of a mail route from New Milton to Oxford, in Doddridge county, in said State.

By Mr. John J. Taylor: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, for the establishment of a mail route from Cortland village, Cortland county, to Groton, Tompkins county, in said State.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Letcher: The petition of James McLaughlin, of Bath county,

Virginia, for an increase of his pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Eastman: The petition of H. L. Dousman, on behalf of himself and others, for confirmation of title to lands at Prairie du Chien, in the State of Wisconsin; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Fuller: The petition of citizens of Washington county, Maine, that the soldiers of the war of 1812 be placed upon the pension rolls upon the same footing as the soldiers of the war of the Revolution; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Richard H. Stanton: The petition of citizens of the State of Massachusetts, against the employment of military officers as civil superintendents of public works; which was referred to the select committee on military superintendencies.

By Mr. Zollicoffer: The memorial of William H. Brown, bringing to the notice of Congress his invention of a life-boat, and asking that Congress may authorize the Secretary of the Navy to purchase the same for the use of the navy; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Israel Washburn, jr.: The petition of citizens of the State of Maine, for the repeal of the duty on coal; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House copies of the session laws of the legislative assembly of Minnesota, passed at its session commencing on the 4th of January, 1854; which were referred to the Committee on Territories.

On motion of Mr. English, by unanimous consent, the resolution of the Senate (S. Res. 28) for the appointment of Regents in the Smithsonian Institution, was taken from the Speaker's table and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said resolution be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Whitfield, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read and referred to the Committee on Printing, viz:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives be instructed to purchase, out of the contingent fund of the House, — copies of a map of Nebraska and Kansas Territories, compiled by Captain S. Eastman, of the United States army, for distribution among the members of the House.

Mr. Whitfield, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 599) to aid the Territory of Kansas in the construction of a railroad in said Territory; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Bridges, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be requested to inquire into the expediency of preventing, by law, the importation of "foreign paupers and criminals" into the United States, and that they make report (at the earliest possible date) by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Hunt, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, and, by unanimous consent, considered and agreed to, viz :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a naval depot at or near New Orleans, for the equipment, repair, and supply of vessels of war; and to report to this House the information he may obtain, together with his views on the subject.

Mr. Letcher, by unanimous consent, submitted the following preamble and resolution; which were read, considered and agreed to, viz :

Whereas the law organizing the Territory of Minnesota, in the last clause of section six, in the following terms, viz : " All laws passed by the legislative assembly and governor shall be submitted to the Congress of the United States, and if disapproved shall be null and of no effect," reserves to Congress the right of reviewing and disapproving all laws passed by said Territorial legislature :

Therefore resolved, That the acts of said Territorial legislature, as certified to this body, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and that said committee inquire into the propriety of declaring the act chartering the Minnesota and Northwestern Railroad Company " null and of no effect," and that they make report to this House of their action in the premises.

Mr. Russell, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That ten thousand copies of the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating the report of the Superintendent of the Coast Survey for the year 1854, in addition to the usual number, be printed, five thousand thereof for the use of the House, and the remainder for distribution by the Coast Survey Office; and that the same be printed and bound with the plates in quarto form, and that the plates be printed under the direction of the Superintendent of the Coast Survey—

reported the same without amendment.

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative.

So the said resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Thomas D. Eliot, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 600) supplementary to an act for the relief of sick and disabled seamen, and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Corwin, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz :

Resolved, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the navy pension laws, as to admit to the navy pension roll the widows and orphans of all persons who have died, or shall die, after leaving the naval service, in the same manner as those who have died, or shall die, in said service, of wounds or injuries received, disease contracted, or casualties incurred by them, while in the line of duty.

On motion of Mr. Chase,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill of the House (No.

102) granting lands equally to the several States to aid in the construction of railroads, and for the support of schools, be postponed until Tuesday, the 16th of January next.

Mr. Curtis, by unanimous consent, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (S. 142) entitled "An act for the relief of Don B. Juan Domercq, a Spanish subject," reported the same with an amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill and pending amendment be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for tomorrow, and printed.

Mr. Fuller, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, and, by unanimous consent, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to this House, (in connexion with the report on commercial relations and comparative tariffs, requested by a resolution of this House of December 14, 1853,) copies of all returns of consuls and commercial agents of the United States, made in reply to a circular from the Department of State, dated October 8, 1853, or such portions thereof as he may deem expedient.

Mr. Goodrich, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 601) giving the consent of Congress to the cession, by the State of Massachusetts, to the State of New York, of the district of Boston Corner; which was read a first and second time.

After debate, and pending the question on its engrossment,

Mr. Haven moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Lilly, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the erection of a custom-house at Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

Mr. Cobb, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 550) to amend an act approved 4th of August, 1854, entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual cultivators and settlers," reported the same with an amendment, in the nature of a substitute therefor.

After debate, and pending the question on agreeing to the said amendment,

On motion of Mr. Cobb,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until Tuesday, the 2d of January next, and that the bill and proposed amendments be printed.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed, without amendment, bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 354. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to establish an

auxiliary watch for the protection of public and private property in the city of Washington," approved August 23, 1842; and

H. R. 357. An act authorizing the Washington Gas Light Company to increase the capital stock of said company.

The Senate have also passed a bill and resolution of the following titles, viz :

S. 528. An act to provide for the contingent expenses of the Territory of Nebraska ; and

S. Res. 26. A resolution for the settlement of the claim of the late firm of C. M. Strader and Company, mail contractors ; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, a resolution of the following title, viz :

S. Res. 28. A resolution for the appointment of regents in the Smithsonian Institution ; when

The Speaker signed the same.

On motion of Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (No. 528) entitled "An act to provide for the contingent expenses of the Territory of Nebraska," was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

Pending the question on its third reading,

Mr. Houston moved to amend the same by filling the blank therein with the word "*dollars* ;" which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Letcher moved further to amend the said bill by striking out the word "governor," in the fifth line, and inserting the word "*government*" in lieu thereof ; which motion was agreed to.

After debate,

Mr. Haven moved the previous question ; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said bill was ordered to be read the third time.

It was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendments.

On motion of Mr. John G. Davis, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the bill of the House (No. 584) to incorporate the St. Joseph's Male Orphan Asylum, in the District of Columbia, be printed.

Mr. Houston moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pending which,

Mr. Etheridge moved, at 1 o'clock and 35 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn ; which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Alexander H. Stephens moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn until Friday next.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas 58
Nays 62

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. Willis Allen
William Appleton
David J. Bailey
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Samuel P. Benson
Francis M. Bristow
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
George W. Chase
John P. Cook
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Thomas Davis
John M. Elliott
Emerson Etheridge
E. Wilder Farley
Reuben E. Fenton
Joshua R. Giddings

Mr. John Z. Goodrich
Frederick W. Green
Galusha A. Grow
Wiley P. Harris
Clement S. Hill
Junius Hillyer
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Harvey H. Johnson
J. Glancy Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
James Knox
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Daniel Mace
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Edson B. Olds
Samuel W. Parker

Mr. William Preston
David A. Reese
David Ritchie
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Wilson Shannon
George A. Simmons
Richard H. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
John J. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
Theodore E. Westbrook
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Barkedale
William S. Barry
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
Samuel A. Bridges
Preston S. Brooks
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Moses B. Corwin
Burton Craige
Carlton B. Curtis
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
John Dick
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar
Ben. C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
William H. English
Thomas J. D. Fuller
Alfred B. Greenwood

Mr. William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Andrew J. Harlan
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
George S. Houston
George W. Jones
Roland Jones
Zedekiah Kidwell
Alfred W. Lamb
Milton S. Latham
Samuel Lilly
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
Augustus E. Maxwell
Smith Miller
George W. Morrison
Matthias H. Nichols

Mr. Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Bishop Perkins
John Perkins, jr.
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
William A. Richardson
Thomas Ritchey
Thomas Riffin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
Origen S. Seymour
Samuel A. Smith
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
Andrew Stuart
Edward A. Warren
Daniel Wells, jr.

So the House refused to adjourn over.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Letcher, at 1 o'clock and 55 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1854.

The following petitions were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Macdonald: The petition of Nathaniel Raynes, an invalid of the war of 1812, for a pension;

Also, the petition of citizens of the State of Maine, that Nathaniel Raynes be granted an invalid pension.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Seymour: The petition of citizens of the State of Connecticut, that the government take measures to secure to American citizens travelling or sojourning in foreign countries the liberty of conscience and of religious worship; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Yates: The petition of J. W. Post, of Morgan county, Illinois, that Congress secure to him the right to his invention of a new principle for conveying mail-matter, by means of tubes, balls, and atmospheric pressure; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Boyce: The petition of Henry Kershaw—heretofore presented December 23, 1850; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Farley, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Territories, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (S. 60) entitled "An act authorizing the construction of a subterranean line of telegraph from the Mississippi or Missouri rivers to the Pacific ocean," reported the same with sundry amendments, accompanied by a report in writing.

Ordered, That the said bill and pending amendments be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and that the bill, amendments, and report, be printed.

Mr. Noble gave notice, under the rule, of his intention to move for leave to introduce bills of the following titles, viz:

A bill making appropriations to continue the public works at Monroe, Michigan; and

A bill to establish a marine hospital at Monroe, Michigan.

On motion of Mr. Latham, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (S. 497) entitled "An act to continue in force for a limited period the act to ascertain and settle private land claims in the State of California," was taken from the Speaker's table, read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. David Stuart, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Jeremiah Moore, for the purpose of reference in the Senate.

The said papers were thereupon handed to Mr. David Stuart.

On motion of Mr. John J. Taylor, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims in the case of the heirs of Thomas Parks, deceased, (to accompany H. R. 363) be printed.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed, without amendment, bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 478. An act for the relief of Herman Chittenden;

H. R. 583. An act for the liquidation of the penitentiary indebtedness; and

H. R. 601. An act giving the consent of Congress to the cession, by the State of Massachusetts to the State of New York, of the district of Boston Corner.

The Senate have agreed to the amendments of this House to the bill (S. 528) entitled "An act to provide for the contingent expenses of the Territory of Nebraska."

The Senate have also passed bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

S. 447. An act to increase the pension of Patrick C. Miles;

S. 522. An act to extend the provisions of an act entitled "An act to provide compensation for the services of George Morell in adjusting titles to land in Michigan;"

S. 30. A resolution relative to the construction of the laws for the allowance of additional compensation to the clerks in the Census Bureau; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Seymour, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 602) making appropriations for the improvement of the harbors of Bridgeport, Norwalk, and Stamford, in the State of Connecticut; which was read a first and second time and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Bridges, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Patents be discharged from the further consideration of bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

S. 171. An act for the relief of W. R. Nevins; and

S. 310. An act for the relief of the heirs of the late Uri Emmons; and that the same be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Tappan Wentworth, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Steward & Co., of New York, and that the same be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Houston, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John G. Davis reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, had found itself without a quorum, and that he had caused the roll to be called, when it appeared that the following named members were absent:

William Aiken, Willis Allen, William S. Ashe, David J. Bailey, Edward Ball, Nathaniel P. Banks, jr., Nathan Belcher, Peter H. Bell, Henry Bennett, William H. Bissell, George Bliss, William W. Boyce, John C. Breckinridge, Preston S. Brooks, Robert M. Bugg, John S. Caskie, Joseph R. Chandler, Elijah W. Chastain, William M. Churchwell, Alfred H. Colquitt, Thomas W. Cumming, Carlton B. Curtis, Francis B. Cutting, William B. W. Dent, Alexander De Witt, Edward Dickinson, Augustus Drum, Cyrus L. Dunham, Alfred P. Edgerton, J. Wiley Edmands, John M. Elliot, William H. English, William Everhart, Charles J. Faulkner, Reuben E. Fenton, Thomas T. Flagler, Thomas B. Florence, John R. Franklin, Thomas J. D. Fuller, James Gamble, William O. Goode, Henry C. Goodwin, Frederick W. Green, Ben Edwards Grey, John Scott Harrison, George Hastings, Harry Hibbard, Isaac E. Hiester, Junius Hillyer, Thomas M. Howe, Colin M. Ingersoll, Daniel T. Jones, John Kerr, Zedekiah Kidwell, George W. Kittredge, William H. Kurtz, Alfred W. Lamb, James H. Lane,

Charles S. Lewis, Caleb Lyon, John McCulloch, John McNair, John B. Macy, Orsamus B. Matteson, James Maurice, Henry May, Ner Middleswarth, John G. Miller, John S. Millson, Edwin B. Morgan, William Murray, Andrew Oliver, Asa Packer, Jared V. Peck, Rufus W. Peckham, Alexander C. M. Pennington, Paulus Powell, William Preston, Benjamin Pringle, George Read Riddle, Thomas Ritchey, John Robbins, jr., Peter Rowe, James L. Seward, Henry M. Shaw, Jacob Shower, George A. Simmons, Charles Skelton, William Smith, William R. Smith, Augustus R. Sollers, Frederick P. Stanton, Richard H. Stanton, Nathan T. Stratton, Christian M. Straub, John L. Taylor, Isaac Teller, Michael C. Trout, William M. Tweed, George Vail, Joshua Vansant, Hiram Walbridge, William A. Walker, Samuel H. Walley, Mike Walsh, John Wentworth, John Wheeler, William H. Witte, Hendrick B. Wright, and Richard Yates.

A quorum having appeared,

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John G. Davis reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 562. An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th June, 1856; and

H. R. 594. An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1856—had directed him to report the former with amendments, and the latter without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Bridges,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it adjourn until Saturday next.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the bill of the House No. 562, (army appropriations) just reported with amendments.

Mr. Houston moved the previous question, which was seconded and the main question ordered; and, under the operation thereof, the said amendments were severally agreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

The House next proceeded to the consideration of the bill of the House No. 594, (Post Office appropriations,) just reported without amendment.

Mr. Houston moved the previous question, which was seconded and the main question ordered; and, under the operation thereof, the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent, moved that the votes by which the said bills were passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the

motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Fuller gave notice, under the rule, of his intention to move for leave to introduce a bill to amend and consolidate the navigation, revenue, and collection laws of the United States.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, a bill of the following title, viz :

S. 528. An act to provide for the contingent expenses of the Territory of Nebraska ; when

The Speaker signed the same.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House a letter from the Postmaster General, in answer to a resolution of the House of the 13th instant, relative to the establishment of a mail on the Mississippi river, under an act of Congress of August 5, 1854 ; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ready, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 603) granting a pension to Dolly Empson ; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

On motion of Mr. McDougal, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That a letter of J. C. Fremont to the Editors of the National Intelligencer, communicating some general results of a recent winter expedition across the Rocky Mountains, for the survey of a route for a railroad to the Pacific, be printed.

Mr. Noble, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 604) making appropriations to continue the public works at Monroe, Michigan ; which was read a first and second time.

Mr. Noble moved that the said bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

After debate,

The question was put, Shall the said bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce ?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. May, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution ; which was read, and, by unanimous consent, considered and agreed to, viz :

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to this House any information possessed by him, regarding a suit instituted in the Territory of Minnesota, by or in the name of the United States, against the Minnesota and Northwestern Railroad Company.

Mr. Whitfield, by unanimous consent, introduced bills of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 605. A bill to provide for the erection of public buildings in the Territory of Kansas ;

H. R. 606. A bill to provide for the construction of roads and bridges and for the improvement of rivers in the Territory of Kansas, and to provide for a geological survey of said Territory ;

H. R. 607. A bill to exempt certain town sites in Kansas Territory from sale and pre-emption ; and

H. R. 608. A bill to establish certain post-roads in Kansas Territory ;
which bills were severally read a first and second time, and referred as follows, viz :

H. R. 605, to the Committee on Territories ;

H. R. 606, to the Committee on Military Affairs ;

H. R. 607, to the Committee on Public Lands ; and

H. R. 608, to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, at 3 o'clock p. m., the House adjourned until Saturday next, at 12 o'clock m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1854.

The following petitions and other papers were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. John J. Taylor: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, for the establishment of a mail-route from Lisle, Broome county, by East Berkshire and Wilson creek, to Newark Valley, Tioga county, in said State ; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Hendricks: The petition of James Denney, an invalid soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension ; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Faulkner: The petition of Gosen L. White, administrator of Elizabeth Bradford, for arrears of pension ; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Pratt: The petition of Chauncey Ripley, of the State of Connecticut, for money due his late mother, Mary Ripley, for services of her husband, Captain Jeremiah Ripley, in the war of the Revolution ; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Israel Washburn, jr.: The petition of citizens of the State of Maine, against slavery being established in the United States Territories ; which was referred to the Committee on Territories.

By Mr. Richard H. Stanton: The petition of the heirs of Colonel John Hardin, who lost his life in the military service of his country, in 1792, under General Wilkinson.

By Mr. Faulkner: The petition of the clerks of the national armory at Springfield, Massachusetts, for an increase of compensation.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Greenwood: The petition of John G. Ross, for compensation for property taken, without compensation, by an officer of the United States army, in 1824 ; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Faulkner: The claim of William F. Lynch, of the United States navy, for the same compensation for services in exploring the Dead Sea, as was paid Lieutenants Herndon and Gibbon for exploring the Valley of the Amazon, South America ; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the

committee did, on the 27th instant, present to the President of the United States bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 461. An act for the relief of Mary Rutherford, widow of Samuel Rutherford;

H. R. 376. An act for the relief of James Butler;

H. R. 443. An act vesting the title of the United States to certain land in the city of Cincinnati;

S. 16. An act to suppress the circulation of small notes, as a currency, in the District of Columbia; and

S. Res. 28. A resolution for the appointment of Regents in the Smithsonian Institution;

and on this day a bill of the following title, viz:

S. 528. An act to provide for the contingent expenses of the Territory of Nebraska.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House communications as follows, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report of the expenditures and of the number and names of the persons employed, during the last fiscal year, upon the Coast Survey, &c.; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting information in answer to a resolution of the House of the 19th instant, relative to the permanent organization of the hospital for the insane of the army and navy, and of the District of Columbia; which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

III. A letter from the Clerk of the House of Representatives, submitting his annual report of the contingent expenses of the House of Representatives for the year ending December 1, 1854; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Haven,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it adjourn until Tuesday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill of the following title, viz:

S. 394. An act for the relief of Betsey Whipple; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Hendricks, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be authorized to employ a clerk for twenty days, at four dollars per day.

Mr. Ready, by unanimous consent, presented the petition (and accompanying papers) of William H. Russell, late collector of customs at Monterey, California, asking that he may be allowed compensation from the time of executing his bond; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Henn, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Henry H. Marsh, reported a bill (H. R. 609) for his relief; which was read a first and second

time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Faulkner, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill (H. R. 610) extending the provisions of the act of August 11, 1848, to the widows and orphans of persons dying in the military service of the United States; which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Faulkner, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing to Commander William F. Lynch, during the time he was engaged in the exploration of the Dead Sea, the same pay that has been allowed to Lieutenants Herndon and Gibbon, during the time they were engaged in the exploration of the Amazon.

On motion of Mr. Giddings, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the bill of the Senate (No. 396) entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Captain Joshua Chamberlain, deceased," (heretofore laid upon the table,) be re-referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Phelps, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing an express mail between St. Louis, Missouri, and San Francisco, California, for the transmission of letters, and for increased rates of postage on letters carried in said mail, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Greenwood, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 611) for the relief of William G. Preston, late a captain in the war of the United States with Mexico; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Joseph Lane, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 612) to establish an additional land district in the Territory of Oregon; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Macdonald, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Jesse Barker, an applicant for an invalid pension, for the purpose of reference in the Senate.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, at 12 o'clock and 25 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until Tuesday next, at 12 o'clock m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1855.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. McDougall: The petition of W. P. Monroe, for compensation for extra mail service.

By Mr. Roland Jones: The petition of citizens of St. Landry parish

in the State of Louisiana, for the establishment of a mail route from St. Martinsville, in the parish of St. Martin, via Breau's bridge, Arnanville, in St. Landry parish, Leonville, and Barry's landing, to Opelousas.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Olds: The petition of citizens of Franklin county, Ohio, being soldiers of the war of 1812, for pensions or grants of bounty lands; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Carpenter: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, that the soldiers of the war of 1812 be granted bounty land; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Hamilton: The petition of citizens of the State of Maryland, of like import with the foregoing; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Boyd: The petition of John G. Clayton, for compensation for horse lost in the military service of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Chase: Additional papers in the case of Charles Kaple; which were referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Chandler: The petition of citizens of Philadelphia, for indemnity for spoliation committed by the French prior to 1800; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Also, the petition of William B. Wood, in behalf of the family of Brevet Major George W. F. Wood, who died in the military service of the United States of yellow fever at Indianola, Texas, in November, 1864, for relief.

By Mr. Crocker: The petition of citizens of the State of Massachusetts, on behalf of the soldiers of the 3d regiment, 5th division, of the Massachusetts militia, for compensation for services in the war of 1812.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Chandler: Three memorials of the Board of Trade of the city of Philadelphia, for the completion of the works on the Delaware river; also, for an expedition to be sent in search of Captain Kane; and also, for the construction of a light-house on Cape Race;

Also, four petitions of citizens of Philadelphia, for the erection of a light-house on Tinicum island.

Ordered, That said petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Phelps: The petition of Joseph Clemyer, of the State of Missouri, for indemnity on account of loss sustained by him in consequence of the government not complying with its contract with him for the transportation of government stores; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Farley: The communication of Mr. Gallegos, the delegate from New Mexico, in relation to making appropriations for the construction of military roads and other improvements in said Territory; which was referred to the Committee on Territories.

By Mr. McMullen: The petition of citizens of Washington county, Virginia, on behalf of Isaac Eyres, an invalid soldier of the war of 1812,

that he be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House executive communications as follows, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting statements of receipts and expenditures for the relief of sick and disabled seamen for the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1854; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting statements of balances of appropriations; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. John Perkins, jr., by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 353) to remodel the diplomatic and consular systems of the United States, reported the same with sundry amendments.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until Tuesday, the 9th instant, and that the bill and amendments be printed.

Mr. Latham, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Post Office Department be requested to transmit to the House of Representatives a copy of the contract made by the department, in the year 1853, with Messrs. Ramsay and Carmick, for the transportation of the United States mail between Vera Cruz, in Mexico, and San Diego, Monterey, and San Francisco, in California, along with all correspondence relative to the same, and also relative to the change of schedule of days for the arrival and departures of the United States mail-steamers to and from Vera Cruz on the line to New Orleans.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary; which was handed in at the Speaker's table.

Also, a message notifying the House that he did, on the 27th ultimo, approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 461. An act for the relief of Mary Rutherford, widow of Samuel Rutherford;

H. R. 376. An act for the relief of James Butler;

And on the 29th ultimo, a bill of the following title, viz:

H. R. 443. An act vesting the title of the United States to certain land in the city of Cincinnati.

On motion of Mr. Alexander H. Stephens, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the annual message, with the accompanying documents, of the President of the United States, be cut and bound for the use of the members of the House.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 550) to amend an act, approved the 4th of August, 1854, entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators," heretofore reported from the Committee on Public Lands with an amendment, in the nature of a substitute, and the consideration of which was postponed until this day.

After debate,

Mr. Dowdell moved to amend the said amendment by inserting after the word "application," in the 23d line, the following words, viz : "*in accordance with the provisions of the pre-emption act of eighteen hundred and forty-one, except as to notice, and.*"

After further debate,

By unanimous consent, amendments were submitted by Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Mordecai Oliver, and Mr. Caruthers, respectively.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, under the operation of the previous question,

Ordered, That the said bill, with the proposed amendments thereto, be re-referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Hamilton moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, bills of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 354. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to establish an auxiliary watch for the protection of public and private property in the city of Washington," approved August 23, 1842 ;

H. R. 357. An act authorizing the Washington Gas Light Company to increase the capital stock of said company ;

H. R. 478. An act for the relief of Herman Chittenden ;

H. R. 583. An act for the liquidation of the penitentiary indebtedness ; and

H. R. 601. An act giving the consent of Congress to the cession, by the State of Massachusetts to the State of New York, of the district of Boston Corner ; when

The Speaker signed the same.

On motion of Mr. Phillips, by unanimous consent,

The Speaker laid before the House the following message, this day received from the President of the United States, viz :

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

In returning to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, a bill entitled "An act making appropriations for the repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works, heretofore commenced under authority of law," it became necessary for me, owing to the late day at which the bill was passed, to state my objections to it very briefly, announcing, at the same time, a purpose to resume the subject for more deliberate discussion, at the present session of Congress ; for, while by no means insensible of the arduousness of the task thus undertaken by me, I conceived that the two Houses were entitled to an exposition of the considerations which had induced dissent, on my part, from their conclusions in this instance.

The great constitutional question, of the power of the general government in relation to internal improvements, has been the subject of earnest difference of opinion, at every period of the history of the United States. Annual and special messages of successive Presidents have

been occupied with it, sometimes in remarks on the general topic, and frequently in objection to particular bills. The conflicting sentiments of eminent statesmen, expressed in Congress, or in conventions called expressly to devise, if possible, some plan calculated to relieve the subject of the embarrassments with which it is environed, while they have directed public attention strongly to the magnitude of the interests involved, have yet left unsettled the limits, not merely of expediency, but of constitutional power, in relation to works of this class by the general government.

What is intended by the phrase "internal improvements?" What does it embrace, and what exclude? No such language is found in the Constitution. Not only is it not an expression of ascertainable constitutional power, but it has no sufficient exactness of meaning to be of any value as the basis of a safe conclusion, either of constitutional law or of practical statesmanship.

President John Quincy Adams, in claiming, on one occasion, after his retirement from office, the authorship of the idea of introducing into the administration of the affairs of the general government "a permanent and regular system" of internal improvements, speaks of it as a system by which "the whole Union would have been checkered over with railroads and canals," affording "high wages and constant employment to hundreds of thousands of laborers;" and he places it in express contrast with the construction of such works by the legislation of the States and by private enterprise.

It is quite obvious, that, if there be any constitutional power which authorizes the construction of "railroads and canals" by Congress, the same power must comprehend turnpikes and ordinary carriage roads; nay, it must extend to the construction of bridges, to the draining of marshes, to the erection of levees, to the construction of canals of irrigation—in a word, to all the possible means of the material improvement of the earth, by developing its natural resources, anywhere and everywhere, even within the proper jurisdiction of the several States. But if there be any constitutional power, thus comprehensive in its nature, must not the same power embrace within its scope other kinds of improvement of equal utility in themselves, and equally important to the welfare of the whole country? President Jefferson, while intimating the expediency of so amending the Constitution as to comprise objects of physical progress and well-being, does not fail to perceive that "other objects of public improvement," including "public education," by name, belong to the same class of powers. In fact, not only public instruction, but hospitals, establishments of science and art, libraries, and indeed everything appertaining to the internal welfare of the country, are just as much objects of internal improvement, or, in other words, of internal utility, as canals and railways.

The admission of the power in either of its senses, implies its existence in the other; and since, if it exists at all, it involves dangerous augmentation of the political functions and of the patronage of the federal government, we ought to see clearly by what clause or clauses of the Constitution it is conferred.

I have had occasion more than once to express, and deem it proper now to repeat, that it is, in my judgment, to be taken for granted, as a

fundamental proposition not requiring elucidation, that the federal government is the creature of the individual States, and of the people of the States severally; that the sovereign power was in them alone; that all the powers of the federal government are derivative ones, the enumeration and limitations of which are contained in the instrument which organized it; and by express terms, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively or to the people."

Starting from this foundation of our constitutional faith, and proceeding to inquire in what part of the Constitution the power of making appropriations for internal improvements is found, it is necessary to reject all idea of there being any grant of power in the preamble. When that instrument says: "We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity,"—it only declares the inducements and the anticipated results of the things ordained and established by it. To assume that anything more can be designed by the language of the preamble, would be to convert all the body of the Constitution, with its carefully weighed enumerations and limitations, into mere surplusage. The same may be said of the phrase in the grant of the power to Congress, "to pay the debts and provide for the common defence and general welfare of the United States;" or, to construe the words more exactly, they are not significant of grant or concession, but of restriction of the specific grants, having the effect of saying that, in laying and collecting taxes for each of the precise objects of power granted to the general government, Congress must exercise any such definite and undoubted power in strict subordination to the purpose of the common defence and general welfare of all the States.

There being no specific grant in the Constitution of a power to sanction appropriations for internal improvements, and no general provision broad enough to cover any such indefinite object, it becomes necessary to look for particular powers, to which one or another of the things included in the phrase "internal improvements," may be referred.

In the discussions of this question by the advocates of the organization of a "general system of internal improvements" under the auspices of the federal government, reliance is had, for the justification of the measure, on several of the powers expressly granted to Congress: such as to establish post offices and post roads; to declare war; to provide and maintain a navy; to raise and support armies; to regulate commerce; and to dispose of the territory and other public property of the United States.

As to the last of these sources of power, that of disposing of the territory and other public property of the United States, it may be conceded, that it authorizes Congress, in the management of the public property, to make improvements essential to the successful execution of the trust; but this must be the primary object of any such improvement, and it would be an abuse of the trust to sacrifice the interest of the property to incidental purposes.

As to the other assumed sources of a general power over internal improvements, they being specific powers, of which this is supposed to be the incident, if the framers of the Constitution, wise and thoughtful men as they were, intended to confer on Congress the power over a subject so wide as the whole field of internal improvements, it is remarkable that they did not use language clearly to express it; or, in other words, that they did not give it as a distinct and substantive power, instead of making it the implied incident of some other one. For such is the magnitude of the supposed incidental power and its capacity of expansion, that any system established under it would exceed each of the others, in the amount of expenditure and number of the persons employed, which would thus be thrown upon the general government.

This position may be illustrated by taking, as a single example, one of the many things comprehended clearly in the idea of "a general system of internal improvements," namely, roads. Let it be supposed that the power to construct roads over the whole Union, according to the suggestion of President J. Q. Adams, in 1807, whilst a member of the Senate of the United States, had been conceded. Congress would have begun, in pursuance of the state of knowledge at the time, by constructing turnpikes. Then, as knowledge advanced, it would have constructed canals; and at the present time, it would have been embarked in an almost limitless scheme of railroads.

Now, there are in the United States, the results of State or private enterprise, upwards of 17,000 miles of railroads, and 5,000 miles of canals, in all 22,000 miles, the total cost of which may be estimated at little short of six hundred millions of dollars; and if the same works had been constructed by the federal government, supposing the thing to have been practicable, the cost would have probably been not less than nine hundred millions of dollars. The number of persons employed in superintending, managing, and keeping up these canals and railroads, may be stated at one hundred and twenty-six thousand, or thereabouts; to which are to be added seventy thousand or eighty thousand employed on the railroads in construction, making a total of at least two hundred thousand persons, representing in families nearly a million of souls, employed on or maintained by this one class of public works in the United States.

In view of all this, it is not easy to estimate the disastrous consequences which must have resulted from such extended local improvements being undertaken by the general government. State legislation upon this subject would have been suspended, and private enterprise paralyzed, while applications for appropriations would have perverted the legislation of Congress, exhausted the national treasury, and left the people burdened with a heavy public debt, beyond the capacity of generations to discharge.

Is it conceivable that the framers of the Constitution intended that authority, drawing after it such immense consequences, should be inferred by implication as the incident of enumerated powers? I cannot think this; and the impossibility of supposing it would be still more glaring, if similar calculations were carried out in regard to the numerous objects of material, moral, and political usefulness, of which the idea of internal improvement admits. It may be safely inferred,

that if the framers of the Constitution had intended to confer the power to make appropriations for the objects indicated, it would have been enumerated among the grants expressly made to Congress. When, therefore, any one of the powers actually enumerated is adduced or referred to, as the ground of an assumption to warrant the incidental or implied power of "internal improvement," that hypothesis must be rejected, or at least can be no further admitted than as the particular act of internal improvement may happen to be necessary to the exercise of the granted power. Thus, when the object of a given road, the clearing of a particular channel, or the construction of a particular harbor of refuge, is manifestly required by the exigencies of the naval or military service of the country, then it seems to me undeniable that it may be constitutionally comprehended in the powers to declare war, to provide and maintain a navy, and to raise and support armies. At the same time, it would be a misuse of these powers, and a violation of the Constitution, to undertake to build upon them a great system of internal improvements. And similar reasoning applies to the assumption of any such power as involved in that to establish post-roads and to regulate commerce. If the particular improvement, whether by land or sea, be necessary to the execution of the enumerated powers, then, but not otherwise, it falls within the jurisdiction of Congress. To this extent only can the power be claimed as the incident of any express grant to the federal government.

But there is one clause of the Constitution in which it has been suggested, that express authority to construct works of internal improvement has been conferred on Congress, namely, that which empowers it "to exercise exclusive legislation, in all cases whatsoever, over such district (not exceeding ten miles square) as may, by cession of particular States and the acceptance of Congress, become the seat of the government of the United States, and to exercise like authority over all places purchased by the consent of the legislature of the State in which the same shall be, for the erection of forts, magazines, arsenals, dock-yards, and *other needful buildings*." But any such supposition will be seen to be groundless, when this provision is carefully examined, and compared with other parts of the Constitution.

It is undoubtedly true, that "like authority" refers back to "exclusive legislation in all cases whatever," as applied to the District of Columbia; and there is, in the District, no division of powers as between the general and the State governments.

In those places which the United States has purchased or retains within any of the States—sites for dock-yards or forts, for example—legal process of the given State is still permitted to run for some purposes, and therefore the jurisdiction of the United States is not absolutely perfect. But let us assume, for the argument's sake, that the jurisdiction of the United States in a tract of land ceded to it for the purpose of a dock-yard or fort, by Virginia or Maryland, is as complete as in that ceded by them for the seat of government, and then proceed to analyze this clause of the Constitution.

It provides that Congress shall have certain legislative authority over all places purchased by the United States for certain purposes. It implies that Congress has otherwise the power to purchase. But where

does Congress get the power to purchase? Manifestly it must be from some other clause of the Constitution, for it is not conferred by this one. Now, as it is a fundamental principle that the Constitution is one of limited powers, the authority to purchase must be conferred in one of the enumerations of legislative power. So that the power to purchase is itself not an unlimited one, but is limited by the objects in regard to which legislative authority is directly conferred.

The other expressions of the clause in question confirm this conclusion, since the jurisdiction is given as to places purchased for certain enumerated objects or purposes. Of these, the first great division, forts, magazines, arsenals and dock-yards are obviously referable to recognized heads of specific constitutional power. There remains only the phrase "and other *needful* buildings." Wherefore needful? Needful for any possible purpose within the whole range of the business of society and of government? Clearly not; but only such "buildings" as are "needful" to the United States in the exercise of any of the powers conferred on Congress.

Thus the United States need, in the exercise of admitted powers, not only forts, magazines, arsenals, and dock-yards, but also court-houses, prisons, custom-houses, and post offices, within the respective States. Places for the erection of such buildings the general government may constitutionally purchase, and, having purchased them, the jurisdiction over them belongs to the United States. So, if the general government has the power to build a light-house or a beacon, it may purchase a place for that object; and having purchased it, then this clause of the Constitution gives jurisdiction over it. Still the power to purchase for the purpose of erecting a light-house or beacon, must depend on the existence of the power to erect; and if that power exists, it must be sought after in some other clause of the Constitution.

From whatever point of view, therefore, the subject is regarded, whether as a question of express or implied power, the conclusion is the same, that Congress has no constitutional authority to carry on a system of internal improvements; and in this conviction the system has been steadily opposed by the soundest expositors of the functions of the government.

It is not to be supposed that in no conceivable case shall there be doubt as to whether a given object be, or not, a necessary incident of the military, naval, or any other power. As man is imperfect, so are his methods of uttering his thoughts. Human language, save in expressions for the exact sciences, must always fail to preclude all possibility of controversy. Hence it is that, in one branch of the subject—the question of the power of Congress to make appropriations in aid of navigation—there is less of positive conviction than in regard to the general subject; and it therefore seems proper, in this respect, to revert to the history of the practice of the government.

Among the very earliest acts of the first session of Congress, was that for the establishment and support of light-houses, approved by President Washington on the 7th of August, 1789, which contains the following provisions:

"That all expenses which shall accrue, from and after the fifteenth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, in the

necessary support, maintenance, and repairs of all light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers, erected, placed, or sunk before the passing of this act, at the entrance of or within any bay, inlet, harbor, or port of the United States, for rendering the navigation thereof easy and safe, shall be defrayed out of the treasury of the United States: *Provided, nevertheless,* That none of the said expenses shall continue to be so defrayed, after the expiration of one year from the day aforesaid, unless such light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers shall, in the meantime, be ceded to, and vested in the United States, by the State or States, respectively, in which the same may be, together with the lands and tenements thereunto belonging, and together with the jurisdiction of the same." Acts containing appropriations for this class of public works were passed in 1791, 1792, 1793, and so on, from year to year, down to the present time; and the tenor of these acts, when examined with reference to other parts of the subject, is worthy of special consideration.

It is a remarkable fact that, for a period of more than thirty years after the adoption of the Constitution, all appropriations of this class were confined, with scarcely an apparent exception, to the construction of light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers, and the stakeage of channels;—to render navigation "safe and easy," it is true, but only by indicating to the navigator obstacles in his way, not by removing those obstacles, nor in any other respect changing artificially the pre-existing natural condition of the earth and sea. It is obvious, however, that works of art for the removal of natural impediments to navigation, or to prevent their formation, or for supplying harbors where these do not exist, are also means of rendering navigation safe and easy; and may, in supposable cases, be the most efficient, as well as the most economical, of such means. Nevertheless, it is not until the year 1824 that, in an act to improve the navigation of the rivers Ohio and Mississippi, and in another act making appropriations for deepening the channel leading into the harbor of Presque Isle, on Lake Erie, and for repairing Plymouth beach, in Massachusetts Bay, we have any example of an appropriation for the improvement of harbors, in the nature of those provided for in the bill returned by me to the House of Representatives.

It appears not probable that the abstinence of Congress in this respect is attributable altogether to considerations of economy, or to any failure to perceive that the removal of an obstacle to navigation might be not less useful than the indication of it for avoidance; and it may be well assumed that the course of legislation, so long pursued, was induced, in whole or in part, by solicitous consideration in regard to the constitutional power over such matters vested in Congress.

One other peculiarity in this course of legislation is not less remarkable. It is, that when the general government first took charge of light-houses and beacons, it required the works themselves, and the lands on which they were situated, to be ceded to the United States. And although for a time this precaution was neglected in the case of new works, in the sequel it was provided by general laws that no light-house should be constructed on any site previous to the jurisdiction over the same being ceded to the United States.

Constitutional authority for the construction and support of many of the public works of this nature, it is certain, may be found in the power

of Congress to maintain a navy and provide for the general defence; but their number, and, in many instances, their location, preclude the idea of their being fully justified as necessary and proper incidents of that power. And they do not seem susceptible of being referred to any other of the specific powers vested in Congress by the Constitution, unless it be that to raise revenue, in so far as this relates to navigation. The practice under all my predecessors in office, the express admissions of some of them, and absence of denial by any, sufficiently manifest their belief that the power to erect light-houses, beacons, and piers, is possessed by the general government. In the acts of Congress, as we have already seen, the inducement and object of the appropriations are expressly declared: those appropriations being for "light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers" erected or placed "within any bay, inlet, harbor, or port of the United States for rendering the navigation thereof easy and safe."

If it be contended that this review of the history of appropriations of this class leads to the inference, that, beyond the purposes of national defence and maintenance of a navy, there is authority in the Constitution to construct certain works in aid of navigation, it is at the same time to be remembered that the conclusions thus deduced from contemporaneous construction and long continued acquiescence are themselves directly suggestive of limitations of constitutionality, as well as expediency, regarding the nature and the description of those aids to navigation which Congress may provide as incident to the revenue power. For, at this point controversy begins, not so much as to the principle as to its application.

In accordance with long established legislative usage, Congress may construct light houses and beacons, and provide, as it does, other means to prevent shipwrecks on the coasts of the United States. But the general government cannot go beyond this, and make improvements of rivers and harbors of the nature, and to the degree, of all the provisions of the bill of the last session of Congress.

To justify such extended power, it has been urged that, if it be constitutional to appropriate money for the purpose of pointing out, by the construction of light-houses or beacons, where an obstacle to navigation exists, it is equally so to remove such obstacle, or to avoid it by the creation of an artificial channel; that if the object be lawful, then the means adopted solely with reference to the end must be lawful, and that therefore it is not material, constitutionally speaking, whether a given obstruction to navigation be indicated for avoidance, or be actually avoided by excavating a new channel; that if it be a legitimate object of expenditure to preserve a ship from wreck, by means of a beacon, or of revenue cutters, it must be not less so to provide places of safety by the improvement of harbors, or, where none exist, by their artificial construction; and thence the argument naturally passes to the propriety of improving rivers for the benefit of internal navigation: because all these objects are of more or less importance to the commercial, as well as the naval, interests of the United States.

The answer to all this is, that the question of opening speedy and easy communication to and through all parts of the country is substantially the same, whether done by land or water; that the uses of roads

and canals in facilitating commercial intercourse, and uniting by community of interests the most remote quarters of the country by land communication, are the same in their nature as the uses of navigable waters; and that therefore, the question of the facilities and aids to be provided to navigation, by whatsoever means, is but a sub-division of the great question of the constitutionality and expediency of internal improvements by the general government. In confirmation of this, it is to be remarked, that one of the most important acts of appropriation of this class, that of the year 1833, under the administration of President Jackson, by including together and providing for, in one bill, as well river and harbor works, as road works, impliedly recognises the fact that they are alike branches of the same great subject of internal improvements.

As the population, territory, and wealth of the country increased, and settlements extended into remote regions, the necessity for additional means of communication impressed itself upon all minds with a force which had not been experienced at the date of the formation of the Constitution, and more and more embarrassed those who were most anxious to abstain, scrupulously, from any exercise of doubtful power. Hence the recognition, in the messages of Presidents Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe, of the eminent desirableness of such works, with admission that some of them could lawfully and should be conducted by the general government, but with obvious uncertainty of opinion as to the line between such as are constitutional and such as are not; such as ought to receive appropriations from Congress, and such as ought to be consigned to private enterprise, or the legislation of the several States.

This uncertainty has not been removed by the practical working of our institutions in later times; for although the acquisition of additional territory, and the application of steam to the propulsion of vessels, have greatly magnified the importance of internal commerce, this fact has, at the same time, complicated the question of the power of the general government over the present subject.

In fine, a careful review of the opinions of all my predecessors, and of the legislative history of the country, does not indicate any fixed rule by which to decide what, of the infinite variety of possible river and harbor improvements, are within the scope of the power delegated by the Constitution; and the question still remains unsettled. President Jackson conceded the constitutionality, under suitable circumstances, of the improvement of rivers and harbors through the agency of Congress; and President Polk admitted the propriety of the establishment and support, by appropriations from the treasury, of light-houses, beacons, buoys, and other improvements, within the bays, inlets, and harbors of the ocean and lake coasts immediately connected with foreign commerce.

But, if the distinction thus made rests upon the differences between foreign and domestic commerce, it cannot be restricted thereby to the bays, inlets, and harbors of the oceans and lakes, because foreign commerce has already penetrated thousands of miles into the interior of the continent by means of our great rivers, and will continue so to

extend itself with the progress of settlement, until it reaches the limit of navigability.

At the time of the adoption of the Constitution, the vast valley of the Mississippi, now teeming with population, and supplying almost boundless resources, was literally an unexplored wilderness. Our advancement has outstripped even the most sanguine anticipations of the fathers of the Republic; and it illustrates the fact, that no rule is admissible which undertakes to discriminate, so far as regards river and harbor improvements, between the Atlantic or Pacific coasts, and the great lakes and rivers of the interior regions of North America. Indeed, it is quite erroneous to suppose that any such discrimination has ever existed in the practice of the government. To the contrary of which, is the significant fact before stated, that when, after abstaining from all such appropriations for more than thirty years, Congress entered upon the policy of improving the navigation of rivers and harbors, it commenced with the rivers Mississippi and Ohio.

The Congress of the Union, adopting, in this respect, one of the ideas of that of the Confederation, has taken heed to declare, from time to time, as occasion required, either in acts for disposing of the public lands in the Territories, or in acts for admitting new States, that all navigable rivers within the same "shall be deemed to be and remain public highways."

Out of this condition of things arose a question which, at successive periods of our public annals, has occupied the attention of the best minds in the Union. This question is, what waters are public navigable waters so as not to be of State character and jurisdiction, but of Federal jurisdiction and character, in the intent of the Constitution and of Congress? A proximate, but imperfect, answer to this important question is furnished by the acts of Congress and the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, defining the constitutional limits of the maritime jurisdiction of the general government. That jurisdiction is entirely independent of the revenue power. It is not derived from that, nor is it measured thereby.

In that act of Congress which, in the first year of the government, organized our judicial system, and which, whether we look to the subject, the comprehensive wisdom with which it was treated, or the deference with which its provisions have come to be regarded, is only second to the Constitution itself,—there is a section in which the statesmen who framed the Constitution have placed on record their construction of it in this matter. It enacts that the district courts of the United States "shall have exclusive cognizance of all civil cases of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction, including all seizures under the law of impost, navigation, or trade of the United States, when the seizures are made on waters which are navigable from the sea by vessels of ten or more tons burden, within their respective districts, as well as upon the high seas." In this cotemporaneous exposition of the Constitution, there is no trace of suggestion, that nationality of jurisdiction is limited to the sea, or even to tide-waters. The law is marked by a sagacious apprehension of the fact that the great Lakes and the Mississippi were navigable waters of the United States even then, before the acquisition of Louisiana had made wholly our own the territorial greatness of the

West. It repudiates, unequivocally, the rule of the common law, according to which the question of whether a water is public navigable water or not, depends on whether it is salt or not, and therefore, in a river, confines that quality to tide-water: a rule resulting from the geographical condition of England, and applicable to an island with small and narrow streams, the only navigable portion of which, for ships, is in immediate contact with the ocean, but wholly inapplicable to the great inland fresh-water seas of America, and its mighty rivers, with secondary branches exceeding in magnitude the largest rivers of Great Britain.

At a later period, it is true, that, in disregard of the more comprehensive definition of navigability afforded by that act of Congress, it was for a time held by many, that the rule established for England was to be received in the United States; the effect of which was to exclude from the jurisdiction of the general government, not only the waters of the Mississippi, but also those of the great Lakes. To this construction it was with truth objected, that, in so far as concerns the Lakes, they are in fact seas, although of fresh water; that they are the natural marine communications between a series of populous States, and between them and the possessions of a foreign nation; that they are actually navigated by ships of commerce of the largest capacity; that they had once been, and might again be, the scene of foreign war; and that therefore it was doing violence to all reason to undertake, by means of an arbitrary doctrine of technical foreign law, to exclude such waters from the jurisdiction of the general government. In regard to the river Mississippi, it was objected that, to draw a line across that river at the point of ebb and flood of tide, and say that the part below was public navigable water, and the part above not, while in the latter the water was at least equally deep and navigable, and its commerce as rich as in the former, with numerous ports of foreign entry and delivery, was to sanction a distinction artificial and unjust, because regardless of the real fact of navigability.

We may conceive that some such considerations led to the enactment, in the year 1845, of an act, in addition to that of 1789, declaring that "the district courts of the United States shall have, possess, and exercise the same jurisdiction in matters of contract and tort, arising in, upon, or concerning steamboats, and other vessels of twenty tons burden and upwards, enrolled and licensed for the coasting trade, and at the time employed in business of commerce and navigation between ports and places in different States and Territories upon the Lakes, and navigable waters connecting said Lakes, as is now possessed and exercised by the said courts in cases of the like steamboats and other vessels employed in navigation and commerce upon the high seas or tide-waters, within the admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of the United States."

It is observable that the act of 1789 applies the jurisdiction of the United States to all "waters which are navigable from the sea" for vessels of ten tons burden; and that of 1845 extends the jurisdiction to enrolled vessels of twenty tons burden, on the Lakes, and navigable waters connecting said Lakes, though not waters navigable from the

sea, provided such vessels be employed between places in different States and Territories.

Thus it appears that these provisions of law, in effect, prescribe conditions by which to determine whether any waters are public navigable waters, subject to the authority of the federal government. The conditions include all waters, whether salt or fresh, and whether of sea, lake, or river, provided they be capable of navigation by vessels of a certain tonnage, and for commerce, either between the United States and foreign countries, or between any two or more of the States or Territories of the Union. This excludes water wholly within any particular State, and not used as the means of commercial communication with any other State, and subject to be improved or obstructed, at will, by the State within which it may happen to be.

The constitutionality of these provisions of statute has been called in question. Their constitutionality has been maintained, however, by repeated decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, and they are, therefore, the law of the land by the concurrent act of the legislative, the executive, and the judicial departments of the government. Regarded as affording a criterion of what is navigable water, and as such subject to the maritime jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and of Congress, these acts are objectionable in this, that the rule of navigability is an arbitrary one; that Congress may repeal the present rule, and adopt a new one; and that thus a legislative definition will be able to restrict or enlarge the limits of constitutional power. Yet this variability of standard seems inherent in the nature of things. At any rate, neither the first Congress, composed of the statesmen of the era when the Constitution was adopted, nor any subsequent Congress, has afforded us the means of attaining greater precision of construction as to this part of the Constitution.

This reflection may serve to relieve from undeserved reproach an idea of one of the greatest men of the Republic, President Jackson. He, seeking amid all the difficulties of the subject for some practical rule of action in regard to appropriations for the improvement of rivers and harbors, prescribed for his own official conduct the rule of confining such appropriations to "places below the ports of entry or delivery established by law." He saw clearly, as the authors of the above mentioned acts of 1789 and 1845 did, that there is no inflexible natural line of discrimination between what is national and what local, by means of which to determine absolutely and unerringly at what point on a river the jurisdiction of the United States shall end. He perceived, and of course admitted, that the Constitution, while conferring on the general government some power of action to render navigation safe and easy, had of necessity left to Congress much of discretion in this matter. He confided in the patriotism of Congress to exercise that discretion wisely, not permitting himself to suppose it possible that a port of entry or delivery would ever be established by law for the express and only purpose of evading the Constitution.

It remains, therefore, to consider the question of the measure of discretion in the exercise by Congress of the power to provide for the improvement of rivers and harbors, and also that of the legitimate responsibility of the Executive in the same relation.

In matters of legislation of the most unquestionable constitutionality, it is always material to consider what amount of public money shall be appropriated for any particular object. The same consideration applies with augmented force to a class of appropriations which are in their nature peculiarly prone to run to excess, and which, being made in the exercise of incidental powers, have intrinsic tendency to overstep the bounds of constitutionality.

If an appropriation for improving the navigability of a river, or deepening or protecting a harbor, have reference to military or naval purposes, then its rightfulness, whether in amount or in the objects to which it is applied, depends, manifestly, on the military or naval exigency; and the subject-matter affords its own measure of legislative discretion. But if the appropriation for such an object have no distinct relation to the military or naval wants of the country, and is wholly, or even mainly, intended to promote the revenue from commerce, then the very vagueness of the proposed purpose of the expenditure constitutes a perpetual admonition of reserve and caution. Through disregard of this, it is undeniable that, in many cases, appropriations of this nature have been made unwisely, without accomplishing beneficial results commensurate with the cost, and sometimes for evil, rather than good, independently of their dubious relation to the Constitution.

Among the radical changes of the course of legislation in these matters, which, in my judgment, the public interest demands, one is a return to the primitive idea of Congress, which required in this class of public works, as in all others, a conveyance of the soil, and a cession of the jurisdiction to the United States. I think this condition ought never to have been waived in the case of any harbor improvement of a permanent nature, as where piers, jetties, sea-walls, and other like works are to be constructed and maintained. It would powerfully tend to counteract endeavors to obtain appropriations of a local character, and chiefly calculated to promote individual interests. The want of such a provision is the occasion of abuses in regard to existing works, exposing them to private encroachment without sufficient means of redress by law. Indeed, the absence, in such cases, of a cession of jurisdiction, has constituted one of the constitutional objections to appropriations of this class. It is not easy to perceive any sufficient reason for requiring it in the case of arsenals or forts, which does not equally apply to all other public works; if to be constructed and maintained by Congress in the exercise of a constitutional power of appropriation, they should be brought within the jurisdiction of the United States.

There is another measure of precaution, in regard to such appropriations, which seems to me to be worthy of the consideration of Congress. It is, to make appropriation for every work in a separate bill, so that each one shall stand on its own independent merits; and if it pass, shall do so under circumstances of legislative scrutiny, entitling it to be regarded as of general interest, and a proper subject of charge on the treasury of the Union.

During that period of time in which the country had not come to look to Congress for appropriations of this nature, several of the States, whose productions or geographical position invited foreign commerce, had entered upon plans for the improvement of their harbors by them-

selves, and through means of support drawn directly from that commerce, in virtue of an express constitutional power, needing for its exercise only the permission of Congress. Harbor improvements thus constructed and maintained, the expenditures upon them being defrayed by the very facilities they afford, are a voluntary charge on those only who see fit to avail themselves of such facilities, and can be justly complained of by none. On the other hand, so long as these improvements are carried on by appropriations from the treasury, the benefits will continue to inure to those alone who enjoy the facilities afforded, while the expenditure will be a burden upon the whole country, and the discrimination a double injury to places equally requiring improvement, but not equally favored by appropriations.

These considerations, added to the embarrassments of the whole question, amply suffice to suggest the policy of confining appropriations by the general government to works necessary to the execution of its undoubted powers, and of leaving all others to individual enterprise, or to the separate States, to be provided for out of their own resources, or by recurrence to the provision of the Constitution, which authorizes the States to lay duties of tonnage with the consent of Congress.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, *December 30, 1854.*

The same having been read,

On motion of Mr. Phillips, under the operation of the previous question,

Ordered, That the said message be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and printed.

On motion of Mr. Richard H. Stanton,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing to inquire into the expediency of printing 20,000 copies extra of the said message.

On motion of Mr. Houston, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Orr reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 9) for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Tappan Wentworth, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by him on the 25th of July last, reported a bill (H. R. 613) to prevent the introduction into the United States of foreign criminals, paupers, idiots, lunatics, insane and blind persons; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

And then,

On motion of Mr. McMullen, at 3 o'clock and 35 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1855.

The following petitions and other papers were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Dawson: Four petitions of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, for the establishment of a mail route from Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, to Cameron Station, Marshall county, Virginia; which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Caskie: The petition of Agnes Bigelow, for amendment of the scrip act of August 31, 1852; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Nathaniel G. Taylor: Three petitions of the soldiers of the war of 1812, and citizens of the State of Tennessee, for pensions;

Also, the petition of James Simmons—heretofore presented May 22, 1850.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Morrison: The petition of Rebecca Dow, widow of John Dow, a soldier of the Revolution, for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. May: The petition of Robert Oram, for relief on account of personal injuries received while employed in the custom-house in Baltimore;

Also, the petition of Mary Haubert, heir of Jacob Bowers, a soldier killed in the battle of Niagara, for a pension.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Cobb: The petition of himself, for the amendment of the act of August 4, 1854, graduating the price of public lands.

By Mr. Nathaniel G. Taylor: The petition of the soldiers of the war of 1812, and citizens of the State of Tennessee, for bounty land.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. May: The petition of the soldiers of the war of 1812, and citizens of the State of Maryland, and proceedings of a public meeting held in Frederick county, relative to pensions and bounty land for said services; which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Macdonald: The petition of citizens of Portland, in the State of Maine, for the repeal of the duty on coal; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Thomas Davis: The petition of the heirs of Godfrey Wenwood—heretofore presented March 4, 1850; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Millson: The petition of James and Catharine Cormick, for an amendment of the scrip act of August 31, 1852; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Grow: The petition of Daniel Searl & Co., for payment of the amount due them by the Post Office Department; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The Speaker having resumed the call of the committees for reports, Mr. Disney, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be, and they are hereby, authorized to employ a clerk during the present session, at a compensation not exceeding four dollars per day.

The same having been read, after debate,

Mr. Disney moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and, under the operation thereof, the said resolution was agreed to.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the vote by which the bill of the House (No. 613) to prevent the introduction into the United States of foreign criminals, paupers, idiots, lunatics, insane and blind persons, was yesterday re-referred to the Committee on Commerce, be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Latham, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 547) to continue in force for a limited time the provisions of the act of Congress of 3d March, 1851, and the second section of its supplement of 18th January, 1854, so as to enable the board of land commissioners in California to close their adjudications of private land titles in that State, and for other purposes, reported the same without amendment.

After debate,

Mr. Latham moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and, under the operation thereof, the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Latham moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Cobb, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was re-referred the bill of the House (No. 550) to amend an act approved the 4th of August, 1854, entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators," together with the proposed amendments thereto, reported the same with an amendment, in the nature of a substitute therefor.

Pending the question on agreeing to the said amendment,

Mr. George W. Jones moved to amend the same, by striking out so much thereof as requires actual settlement and proof of improvement.

Pending which,

Mr. Cobb moved the previous question; and the House refused to second the same.

After further debate,

Mr. George W. Jones modified the amendment to the amendment, submitted by him, so as to read as follows, viz:

Strike out the words, "*Provided*, That the portion of said law that has been construed as authorizing the entry of lands under said graduation act, on filing a declaration of intention to enter lands for the use of the applicant, and for the purpose of settlement and cultivation, shall hereafter be considered as authorizing an entry in such cases, only on proof of actual settlement and improvement by the party

making such application, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior for that purpose;”

And insert in lieu thereof the following, viz:

Sec. — And be it further enacted, That any free person who is the head of a family, or who has arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and is a citizen of the United States, shall, from and after the passage of this act, be entitled to enter, at the rate of fourteen and one-half cents per acre, to be paid at the expiration of five years from the date of such entry, one quarter-section of vacant and unappropriated public lands, which may, at the time the application is made, be subject to private entry at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, or a quantity equal thereto, to be located in a body, in conformity with the legal subdivisions of the public lands, and after the same shall have been surveyed.

Sec. — And be it further enacted, That the person applying for the benefit of this act shall, upon application to the register of the land office in which he or she is about to make such entry, make affidavit before the said register that he or she is the head of a family, or is twenty-one years of age, and that such application is made for his or her exclusive use and benefit, and those specially mentioned in this act, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever; and upon making the affidavit as above required, and filing the affidavit with the register, he or she shall thereupon be permitted to enter the quantity of land already specified: Provided, however, That no certificate shall be given or patent issued therefor, until the expiration of five years from the date of such entry; and if, at the expiration of such time, the person making such entry, or, if he be dead, his widow, or, in case of her death, his heirs or devisee, or, in case of a widow making such entry, her heirs or devisee, in case of her death, shall prove by two credible witnesses that he, she, or they, have continued to reside upon and cultivate said land, and still reside upon the same, and have not alienated the same, or any part thereof, then, in such case, he, she, or they, shall be entitled to a patent, as in other cases provided for by law: And provided further, In case of the death of both father and mother, leaving an infant child or children under twenty-one years of age, the right and the fee shall inure to the benefit of said infant child or children, and the executor, administrator, or guardian, may, at any time within two years after the death of the surviving parent, and in accordance with the laws of the State in which such children for the time being have their domicile, sell said land for the benefit of said infants, but for no other purpose; and the purchaser shall acquire the absolute title by the purchase, and be entitled to a patent from the United States.

Sec. — And be it further enacted, That the register of the land office shall note all such applications on the tract-books and plats of his office, and keep a register of all such entries, and make return thereof to the General Land Office, together with the proof upon which they have been founded.

Sec. — And be it further enacted, That if, at any time after filing the affidavit as required in the second section of this act, and before the expiration of the five years aforesaid, it shall be proven, after due notice to the settler, to the satisfaction of the register of the land office, that the person having filed such affidavit shall have actually changed his or her residence, or abandoned the said entry for more than six months at any time, then, and in that event, the land so entered shall revert back to the government, and be disposed

of as other public lands are now by law, subject to an appeal to the General Land Office.

Sec. —. And be it further enacted, That if any individual now a resident of any one of the States or Territories, and not a citizen of the United States, but, at the time of the passage of this act, shall have filed a declaration of intention as required by the naturalization laws of the United States, and shall become a citizen of the same before the issuing of the patent, as made and provided for in this act, shall be placed upon an equal footing with the native-born citizen of the United States.

Sec. —. And be it further enacted, That no individual shall be permitted to make more than one entry under the provisions of this act; and that the Commissioner of the General Land Office is hereby required to prepare and issue such rules and regulations, consistent with this act, as shall be necessary and proper to carry its provisions into effect; and that the registers and receivers of the several land offices shall be entitled to receive the same compensation for any lands entered under the provisions of this act that they are now entitled to receive when the same quantity of land is entered with money, one-half to be paid by the person making the application, at the time of so doing, and the other half on the issue of the certificate by the person to whom it may be issued: Provided, however, That all persons entering land under the provisions of this act shall, as near as may be practicable, in making such entries, be confined to each alternate quarter-section, and to lands subject to private entry: And provided further, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to impair or interfere in any manner whatever with existing pre-emption rights: Provided further, That the provisions of this act shall be so construed as to authorize the class of persons provided for in the foregoing part of this act, who may not own one hundred and sixty acres of land, to enter, at the rate of fourteen and one-half cents per acre, any of the public lands adjoining his or her farm subject to entry at the minimum price per acre, a quantity, when added to what they may now own, be equal to one hundred and sixty acres, provided he or she shall cultivate the whole or a part thereof.

Mr. Dawson moved that the said bill and pending amendments be re-referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Pending which,

Mr. Houston made the point of order that the amendment to the amendment was not in order, on the ground that it was not germane.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Orr reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 9) for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands, had come to no resolution thereon.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary; which was handed in at the Speaker's table.

Notices of motions for leave to introduce bills were given, under the rule, as follows, viz:

By Mr. Morgan: A bill directing the Secretary of the Treasury to

employ the dredge-boat belonging to the government, now at Oswego, in dredging the entrance of Sodus harbor, in Cayuga, and Sodus harbor, in Wayne county, New York.

By Mr. Houston: A bill to amend an act approved 4th August, 1854, entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators."

Mr. George W. Jones submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the bill of the House (No. 9) for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands, shall cease in one hour after its consideration is resumed, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

Pending which,

Mr. George W. Jones moved the previous question.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Letcher, at 3 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1855.

Another member appeared and took his seat, viz:

From the State of New York—James Maurice.

The following petitions were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Dowdell: The petition of S. T. Hopkins, and other citizens of Benton and Cherokee counties, Alabama, for a mail route from Jacksonville to Van Buren, in said State;

Also, the petition of citizens of Randolph county, in the State of Alabama, for a mail route from Wesabulga to Chulofena, in said State.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Orr: The petition of David Goodlet, for arrears of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Lewis: The petition of Jerusha Stevens, for pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Also, the petition of Eunice Fairbanks, for bounty land; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Phillips: The petition of Gerald Byrne's heirs and legal representatives, for indemnity for property destroyed and stolen by the Indians;

Also, the petition of the heirs and legal representatives of Moses Steadman, deceased, for indemnity for property destroyed and stolen by the Indians.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Mayall: The petition of Peter Grover—heretofore presented January 23, 1852; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Russell: The petition of Oscar W. Tuck, for payment for services rendered as clerk in the office of the Fourth Auditor of the

Treasury in 1853; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Benson: The petition of citizens of the State of Maine, for a mail route from Gardiner to Gunston, in said State; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Goodwin: Two petitions of citizens of the State of New York, that bounty land be granted to the soldiers of the war of 1812; which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Simmons: The petition of Horatio Seymour and other citizens of the State of New York, that an expedition be sent to the Arctic seas in search of Dr. Kane; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Wheeler: The petition of citizens of New York employed as pilots, &c., for the erection of two light-boats in Gedney's channel, one at Flynn's knoll, and one at the Southwest Spit; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Ingersoll: The petition of Ferdinand Cox, late United States secretary of legation to Brazil, for services as chargé d'affaires at said court during the years 1852 and 1853; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the following message, received yesterday from the President of the United States, viz :

To the House of Representatives:

In response to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 11th ultimo, requesting the President "to communicate to this House any proposition which may have been made to the government by the city authorities of Memphis, relative to the navy yard property recently ceded to that city, together with his views and those of the Navy Department as to the propriety of accepting the proposed re-cession and of re-establishing a naval depot and yard of construction at Memphis," I transmit herewith a report of the Secretary of the Navy, and have only to add my concurrence in the views by him presented.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 1, 1855.

The same having been read,

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents be referred to a select committee of five members, and printed.

The Speaker thereupon appointed Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, of Tennessee; Mr. William Smith, of Virginia; Mr. Thomas D. Eliot, of Massachusetts; Mr. J. Glancy Jones, of Pennsylvania; and Mr. Nathaniel G. Taylor, of Tennessee, the said committee.

Mr. Fenton, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 614) for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Dunkirk, New York, on Lake Erie; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Territories be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the officers of Kansas Territory,

asking an increase of the salaries, &c., of the United States attorney and marshal of said Territory; and that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker having announced as the business first in order the resolution, submitted by Mr. George W. Jones, to close debate in one hour upon the bill of the House (No. 9) for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands, and upon which the previous question was demanded, and pending when the House adjourned yesterday,

Mr. Jones withdrew his demand for the previous question, and modified his said resolution, so as to close debate in *two hours*.

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said resolution as modified?

It was decided in the affirmative.

So the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Notices were given, under the rule, of motions for leave to introduce bills and a joint resolution as follows, viz:

By Mr. Clark: A bill to improve the harbor at New Buffalo, on Lake Michigan;

A bill to improve the harbor of St. Joseph, on Lake Michigan;

A bill to improve the harbor of Black Lake;

A bill to improve the harbor of Grand Haven; and

A bill to construct harbors at the mouths of South Black river, Kalamazoo river, and Muskegon river.

By Mr. Ready: A joint resolution explanatory of the joint resolution approved June 10, 1854, "to fix the compensation of the employes in the legislative department of the government, and to prohibit the allowance of the usual extra compensation to such as receive the benefits hereof."

By Mr. Carpenter: A bill for the repair or reconstruction of the pier at the mouth of the Genesee river, Monroe county, New York.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed, without amendment, a bill of this House of the following title, viz:

H. R. 507. An act to incorporate the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the District of Columbia.

The Senate have also passed a bill of the following title, viz:

S. 531. An act for the relief of C. E. Greneaux;
in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he has approved and signed bills of the following titles, viz:

On the 14th of December, S. 393. An act for the better preservation of life and property from vessels shipwrecked on the coasts of the United States;

On the 15th of December, S. 126. An act to relinquish to the State of Wisconsin the lands reserved for salt springs therein;

On the 22d of December, S. 238. An act to authorize the issue of patents to lands in any State or Territory in certain cases;

S. 501. An act supplemental to an act therein mentioned ;

On the 27th of December, S. Res. 28. A resolution for the appointment of Regents in the Smithsonian Institution ;

S. 16. An act to suppress the circulation of small notes as a currency in the District of Columbia ;

And on the 30th of December, S. 528. An act to provide for the contingent expenses of the Territory of Nebraska.

On motion of Mr. Cox, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union ; and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Orr reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 9) for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands, had come to no resolution thereon.

On motion of Mr. Sollers, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union ; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Orr reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 9) for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands, had directed him to report the same with an amendment, in the nature of a substitute therefor.

The Speaker having stated the question to be on agreeing to the said amendment,

Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne moved the previous question ; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said amendment was agreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table ; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Faulkner, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill (H. R. 615) for the increase and better organization of the army, and for other purposes ; which was read a first and second time, re-referred to the said committee, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Houston moved that the vote by which the said bill was re-referred be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table ; which latter motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Israel Washburn, jr., by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Jesse Barker, for the purpose of reference in the Senate.

The said papers were thereupon delivered to Mr. Washburn.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Wheeler, at 3 o'clock and 35 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1855.

Napoleon B. Giddings, the delegate elect from the Territory of Nebraska, appeared, was sworn to support the constitution of the United States, and took a seat in the House.

The following petitions and memorial were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Frederick P. Stanton: The petition of citizens of the State of Tennessee, recommending Isham Walker's plan of carrying the mails through the air at the speed of three hundred miles an hour; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. May: The petition of Nathaniel Williams, that his name be restored to the pension roll.

By Mr. Yates: The petition of Irene G. Scarritt, widow of Jeremiah M. Scarritt, an officer in the army of the United States, for a pension.

By Mr. Sabin: The petition of Ephraim Page, an invalid soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Tweed: The petition of James P. Allaire, for compensation for the use by the general government of his improvement in steam-boilers; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Campbell: The petition of Robert C. Schenck, for compensation for his services on special missions as envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the Argentine Confederation and to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay in the years 1852 and 1853; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Walley: The petition of John E. Gowan, that sub-marine armors may be hereafter considered as part of the outfits of ships-of-war; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Vansant: The petition of Morris Power, an invalid soldier of the war with Mexico, for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. William Smith: The petition of the heirs and legal representatives of Richard Vietch, by Thomas M. McCormick and Samuel R. Adams, for indemnity on account of spoiliations committed by the French prior to 1800; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Faulkner: The petition of Colonel William Gates, third artillery, United States army, for indemnification for the loss of his property on board the San Francisco.

By Mr. Pringle: The petition of sundry soldiers and officers of the late war with Great Britain, being citizens of the State of New York, for bounty land.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Morrison: The petition of Theophilus Rundett, for an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Vansant: The memorial of steamboat owners and presi-

dents, and agents of steamboat companies, for a modification of so much of the act of 1793, and the supplements thereto, as relates to the clearance, &c., of vessels engaged in the coastwise trade; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Hunt, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Richard Fitzpatrick, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 616) for his relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Walbridge, by unanimous consent, presented the memorials of the Marine Insurance Companies, and of the Life-saving Benevolent Associations, of the city of New York, in favor of an expedition for the rescue of Commander Kane and his companions; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Fuller, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be authorized to employ a clerk, at a compensation not exceeding four dollars per day.

Mr. Warren, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 277) entitled "An act for the relief of Theresa Dardenne, widow of Abraham Dardenne, deceased, and their children," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

On motion of Mr. Lindsley, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Benjamin Gregg, provided that copies be left on file.

On motion of Mr. Curtis, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That he be excused from further service on the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker thereupon appointed Mr. J. Glancy Jones to fill the vacancy occasioned thereby.

Mr. Thomas D. Eliot, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 617) making appropriation for continuing the repairs of the injuries done to the government works on Plymouth Beach, Massachusetts; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Warren, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of citizens of Madison county, New York, in favor of allowing bounty land and pensions to the soldiers of the war of 1812; and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Hillyer, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be authorized to employ a clerk, at a rate of compensation not exceeding four dollars per day.

Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz :

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-road from Jasper, in Walker county, Alabama, to Elyton, in Jefferson county, in said State. ●

Bills and a joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

S. 254. An act for the relief of Catharine B. Arnold ;

S. Res. 26. A resolution for the settlement of the claim of the late firm of C. M. Strader and Company, mail contractors ;

S. 447. An act to increase the pension of Patrick C. Miles ;

S. 522. An act to extend the provisions of an act entitled " An act to provide compensation for the services of George Morell, in adjusting titles to land in Michigan ;" and

S. 394. An act for the relief of Betsy Whipple—
were severally taken from the Speaker's table, read a first and second time, and referred as follows, viz :

S. 254, to the Committee on Military Affairs ;

S. Res. 26, to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads ;

S. 447 and 391, to the Committee on Invalid Pensions ;

S. 522, to the Committee of Claims.

Bill of the Senate (No. 531) entitled " An act for the relief of C. E. Greneaux," was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Roland Jones moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

The Speaker then proceeded to call the committees for reports on private business ; when,

On motion of Mr. Houston,

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 461) entitled " An act for the relief of the Office of Indian Affairs ;" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Tappan Wentworth, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 244) entitled " An act for the relief of E. J. McLane," reported the same without amendment, accompanied by a report in writing thereon.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and that the bill and report be printed.

Mr. Upham, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the petition of Richard White and Samuel Sherwood, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 618) for their relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Frederick P. Stanton,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 315) entitled "An act for the relief of Israel Johnson," and that the same be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 471) entitled "An act for the relief of J. H. F. Thornton, Lawrence Taliaferro, and Hay T. Taliaferro, sureties of D. M. F. Thornton, late a purser in the navy of the United States," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Ridgway, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 619) for his relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Westbrook, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Roswell Minard, the father of Theodore Minard, deceased, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 620) for his relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Etheridge, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of John Dugan, made a report thereon, accompanied by a joint resolution (H. Res. 41) for his relief; which resolution was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the resolution and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Boccock, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred the petitions of Sarah Morris, and of the legal representatives of William A. Christian, made reports thereon, accompanied by bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 621. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of William A. Christian; and

H. R. 622. A bill for the relief of Sarah Morris, only heir of Robert Mitchell, deceased;

which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 561. An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856; and

H. R. 547. An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the provisions of the act of Congress of 3d March, 1851, and the second section of its supplement of 18th January, 1854, so as to enable the board of land commissioners in California to close their adjudications of private land titles in that State, and for other purposes—

the latter without amendment, and the former with amendments; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Hendricks, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom were referred the petitions of William Brown, of James McIntire, of Solomon Lafollette, of Elizabeth Foreman, and of Thomas C. Ramsey and Ananias O. Richardson, made reports thereon, accompanied by bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 623. A bill for the relief of William Brown;

H. R. 624. A bill for the relief of James McIntire;

H. R. 625. A bill for the relief of Solomon Lafollette;

H. R. 626. A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Foreman;

H. R. 627. A bill for the relief of Thomas C. Ramsey and Ananias O. Richardson;

which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Ordered, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Peter G. Sperry, son of John Sperry; and that the same be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Hendricks, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the children of Joseph Dale, made an adverse report thereon; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Ordered, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the following petitions, and that the same be laid on the table, viz:

Of Lydia Andrews, widow of Benjamin Andrews; of Andrew Lawson, of Tennessee; of William Morris; of Comfort Willey; of John Elwyn; of Thomas Poulson; of Dudley F. Holt; of John Campbell; of Edward Rumery; of R. J. Murray; of March Farrington; of Caleb Stover; of Richard Reynolds; of Henry Young; of Sally Sleyter; of Hiram Seat; of Mrs. Rachel McMillan; of John Morris; of Luther Cole; and of George F. Dunckel.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the 4th instant, present to the President of the United States bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 478. An act for the relief of Herman Chittenden.

H. R. 583. An act for the liquidation of the penitentiary indebtedness.

H. R. 601. An act giving the consent of Congress to the cession by the State of Massachusetts, to the State of New York, of the district of Boston Corner.

H. R. 357. An act authorizing the Washington Gas Light Company to increase the capital stock of said company.

H. R. 364. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to establish an auxiliary watch for the protection of public and private property in the city of Washington," approved August 23, 1842.

Notices were given, under the rule, of motions for leave to introduce bills as follows, viz:

By Mr. Goodwin: A bill making appropriations and providing for working the dredge-boat at the port of Oswego, Lake Ontario;

By Mr. Hillyer: A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Lieutenant Colonel Lewis Craig.

Mr. Andrew Stuart, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, reported a bill (H. R. 628) to repeal an act entitled "An act for the relief of George M. Bentley, of the State of Indiana," approved August 5, 1854, accompanied by a report in writing thereon; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Andrew Stuart, from the same committee, to whom were referred the petitions of Isaac Allen and of Wyatt Griffith, made reports thereon, accompanied by bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 629. A bill for the further relief of Isaac Allen, of Turner, in the State of Maine;

H. R. 630. A bill for the relief of Wyatt Griffith, of Washington county, in the State of Tennessee; which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Andrew Stuart,

Ordered, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Jane Gaston, widow of Joseph Gaston, and that the same be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Andrew Stuart,

Ordered, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of citizens of Henderson county, Tennessee, in behalf of Thomas Boatwright, of Thomas J. Napier, and of William Sparks; and that the same be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Thurston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Patents be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Joseph S. Kite, of Aza Arnold, and of James H. Stimpson, executor of James Stimpson; and that the same be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the Committee on Patents be discharged from the further consideration of the following petitions, and that the same be laid on the table, viz:

Of Duke Williams; of William Atkinson; of William W. Woodworth, administrator of William Woodworth, deceased; and of William Emmons, sr., Calvin Emmons, and others, for the extension of the patent of Uri Emmons, deceased.

Subsequently,

Mr. Cobb moved that the vote by which the Committee on Patents were discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Duke Williams, and the same was laid on the table, be reconsidered; which motion was passed over.

Mr. Richard H. Stanton, from the Committee on Printing, to whom that subject was referred, reported the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That 20,000 extra copies of the President's message de-

livered to this House on the 2d day of January, be printed for the use of the members of the House.

The same having been read,

Mr. Richard H. Stanton moved the previous question; which was seconded, and the main question ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the said resolution?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 86
Nays..... 51

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
David J. Bailey
Thomas H. Bayly
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Peter H. Bell
Thomas S. Bocoek
William W. Boyce
John S. Caakie
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Burton Craige
Carlton B. Curtis
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar
Henry A. Edmundson
Charles J. Faulkner
William O. Goode
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Galusha A. Grow
Sampson W. Harris
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Junius Hillyer

Mr. Charles Hughes
Harvey H. Johnson
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Roland Jones
Zedekiah Kidwell
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindaley
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
John B. Macy
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
George W. Morrison
Matthias H. Nichols
James L. Orr
Bishop Perkins
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
George Read Riddle

Mr. Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Thomas Ruffin
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
Charles Skelton
Samuel A. Smith
William Smith
George W. Smyth
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Nathan T. Stratton
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
John J. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
Edward A. Warren
Daniel Wells, jr.
Theodorice R. Westbrook
Daniel B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Samuel P. Benson
Francis M. Bristow
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Joseph R. Chandler
James S. Chrisman
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
William Cullom
John Dick
Ben C. Eastman
J. Wiley Edmands
Thomas D. Eliot
Emerson Etheridge
Reuben E. Fenton

Mr. John R. Franklin
John Z. Goodrich
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Solomon G. Haven
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
John Kerr
James Knox
Daniel Mace
Samuel Mayall
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
Jesse O. Norton
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker

Mr. Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
Samuel L. Russell
William B. Sapp
George A. Simmons
Alexander H. Stephens
John L. Taylor
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
Samuel H. Walley
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the said resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Richard H. Stanton moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, a bill of the following title, viz:

H. R. 507. An act to incorporate the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the District of Columbia; when

The Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Andrew Stuart, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was re-referred the bill of the Senate (No. 192) entitled "An act for the relief of Amos Knapp," reported the same with a recommendation that it do not pass.

On motion of Mr. Carpenter,

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

Mr. Etheridge, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of George W. McCerren, made a report thereon, accompanied by a joint resolution (H. Res. 42) for his relief; which resolution was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the resolution and report ordered to be printed.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, notifying the House that he did, on the 3d instant, approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 583. A bill for the liquidation of the penitentiary indebtedness;

H. R. 478. An act for the relief of Herman Chittenden;

H. R. 354. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to establish an auxiliary watch for the protection of public and private property in the city of Washington," approved August 23, 1842;

H. R. 601. An act giving the consent of Congress to the cession, by the State of Massachusetts to the State of New York, of the district of Boston Corner; and

H. R. 357. An act authorizing the Washington Gas Light Company to increase the capital stock of said company.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Phillips reported that the committee having, according to order, had the private calendar under consideration, had directed him to report bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 369. A bill for indemnifying Moses D. Hogan, for cattle destroyed by the Indians in 1842;

H. R. 408. A bill for the relief of Thomas Underhill, executor of Thomas Underhill, deceased;

H. R. 409. A bill for the relief of Stephen Lutz, of New York;

H. R. 451. A bill for the relief of John H. King;

H. R. 470. A bill for the relief of the heirs of Lieutenant Andrew Finley;

H. R. 483. A bill for the relief of Andrew H. Patterson;

S. 72. An act for the relief of the heirs and representatives of Uriah Prewitt, deceased; and

S. 306. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of James Erwin, of Arkansas, and others—
severally without amendment.

H. R. 361. A bill for the relief of the widow and children of Ezra Chapman, deceased;

H. R. 362. A bill for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Joseph Savage, deceased;

H. R. 363. A bill for the relief of the heirs of Thomas Park, deceased;

S. 30. An act for the relief of Thomas Marston Taylor; and

S. 31. An act for the relief of Purser Francis B. Stockton—
severally with amendments; and

H. R. 298. A bill to confirm the claim of William H. Henderson and the heirs of Robert Henderson to five hundred acres of land in the Bastrop grant; and

H. R. 422. A bill for the relief of Conrad Wheat, jr., or his legal representatives—
severally with a recommendation that they do not pass.

The House having proceeded to the consideration of the said bills,

Bills of the House numbered 369, 408, 409, 451, 470, and 483, reported without amendment, were severally ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, they were accordingly severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Bills of the Senate numbered 72 and 306, reported without amendment, were severally ordered to be read the third time.

They were accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Bills of the House numbered 361, 362, and 363, reported with amendments, were then taken up, the said amendments severally agreed to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, they were accordingly severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

The amendments reported to the bills of the Senate numbered 30 and 31 were then severally agreed to, and the bills ordered to be read a third time.

They were accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendments.

Bills of the House numbered 298 and 422, reported with a recommendation that they do not pass, were next taken up, and ordered to lie upon the table.

Mr. John G. Davis moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn until Tuesday next; which motion was disagreed to.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, at 3 o'clock and 30 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1855.

The following petitions and memorial were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Henn: The petition of citizens of the State of Iowa, for the establishment of a mail-route from Fort Dodge, via Austin and Smith's Settlement, to Sergeant's Bluff City, in said State.

By Mr. Hibbard: The petition of citizens of the State of New Hampshire, remonstrating against the establishment of a mail-route from West Rumney to East Canaan, by the way of Dorchester Meadows or Chuvas Corner, and by the river road, in said State.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Wheeler: The petition of Matthew Wreford—heretofore presented June 7, 1854; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Robbins: The petition of Sarah Peacock—heretofore presented December 18, 1837.

By Mr. Goodwin: The petition of Captain John W. Judson, for settlement of his accounts as disbursing agent, as superintendent of public improvements on Lake Ontario, in the years 1851 and 1852; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Chandler: The memorial of Academy of Natural Science, Philadelphia, asking that Congress provide means to send an expedition in search of Dr. Kane, in the Arctic seas; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Bocock, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That a communication from the Secretary of the Navy to the Committee on Naval Affairs, on the subject of a further increase of the navy, be printed.

Mr. Riddle, from the Committee on Engraving, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Engraving be, and are hereby, authorized to contract for lithographing and printing nine hundred and thirty sets of the maps and plates accompanying the President's message and documents; provided the cost shall not exceed six hundred dollars.

On motion of Mr. McMullen,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it adjourn until Tuesday next.

Mr. Ready, by unanimous consent, introduced a joint resolution (H. Res. 43) explanatory of a joint resolution of the two houses, approved July 20, 1854; which was read a first and second time.

Pending the question on its engrossment,

Mr. Pratt moved to amend the same by adding at the end thereof the following, viz: "*or to the Superintendent of Public Printing.*"

Pending which,

Mr. Pratt moved the previous question; which was seconded and

the main question ordered, and, under the operation thereof, the said amendment was agreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

Pending the question on its passage,

Mr. Ready moved the previous question; which was seconded, and the main question ordered and put, viz: Shall the said resolution pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

So the said resolution was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Ready moved that the vote by which the said resolution was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Notices of motions for leave to introduce bills were given, as follows, viz:

By Mr. Lindsley: A bill to increase the salary of the collector at the port of Sandusky, Ohio.

By Mr. Dunbar: A bill for continuing the improvement of the channels at the mouths of the Mississippi river.

By Mr. Crocker: A bill for an appropriation for the improvement of Taunton river, in Massachusetts.

By Mr. Joshua R. Giddings: A bill to withdraw all interference by Congress for the support of slavery, and to leave that institution where the Constitution placed it.

On motion of Mr. Robbins, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bocock reported that the Committee having, according to order, had the private calendar under consideration, had directed him to report bills and joint resolutions as follows, viz:

S. 182. An act for the relief of Thomas Butler;

S. 301. An act for the relief of the representatives of Thomas D. Anderson, deceased, late consul of the United States at Tripoli;

S. 401. An act for the relief of William Duer;

S. 251. An act authorizing the legal representatives of Antoine Vasquez, Hypolite Vasquez, Joseph Vasquez, and John Colligan, to enter certain lands in Missouri;

S. 102. An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of William Weeks;

S. 334. An act for the relief of François Cousin;

S. 191. An act for the relief of Thomas B. Parsons;

S. 276. An act for the relief of Mrs. Ann W. Angus;

H. Res. 35. A joint resolution for the relief of Charles W. Morgan, William R. Rodman, and Edward Merrill;

H. R. 520. An act for the relief of James Holstin;

H. R. 521. An act for the relief of William Case;

H. Res. 36. Joint resolution for the relief of Lieutenant J. C. Carter;

H. R. 524. An act for the relief of Charles J. Porcher, acting purser of the brig Falmouth; and

H. R. 526. An act for the relief of Jephtha L. Heminger—severally without amendment; and

S. 233. An act for the relief of Susan Coody and others; and

S. 361. An act for the relief of Frederick Vincent, administrator of James Le Caze, survivor of Le Caze and Mallet—severally with amendments.

The House having proceeded to the consideration of the said bills, bills of the Senate numbered 182, 301, 401, 251, 102, 334, 191, and 276, were severally ordered to be read a third time.

They were accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bills of the House numbered 520, 521, 524, and 526, and the resolutions of the House numbered 35 and 36, were severally ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, they were accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

The bills of the Senate numbered 361 and 233, severally reported with amendments, were next taken up, and the said amendments severally agreed to.

Ordered, That the said bills be read a third time.

They were accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendments.

On motion of Mr. Wheeler, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the House (No. 347) for the relief of the claimants of the private-armed brig General Armstrong, and that the same be committed to a Committee of the Whole House and made the order of the day for to-morrow, and that it be placed upon the private calendar in the same position that it would occupy if it had been originally committed to that committee.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks, by unanimous consent, the Committee of the Whole House was discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the House (No. 527) for the relief of Lot Davis, and the House proceeded to its consideration.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Wheeler, at 3 o'clock and 15 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until Tuesday next, at 12 o'clock m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1855.

The following petitions, memorial, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Clingman: The petition of Joel Dugger, an invalid soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension.

By Mr. Shannon: The petition of citizens of Harrison county, Ohio, for the passage of the bill introduced into the United States Senate, by Mr. Brodhead, for the relief of the soldiers of 1812.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Clark: The petition of citizens of the State of Iowa, who were soldiers in the war of 1812, asking for a grant of one hundred and sixty acres of land to every person who served during said war; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Thurston: The petition of Job Taylor, one of the heirs of Prudence Taylor, widow of Nathan Taylor, who was a lieutenant and quartermaster in the army of the Revolution, for arrears of pension due her at the time of her death; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Ingersoll: The petition of Franklin Kellsey, of Middletown, Connecticut, for an appropriation to build a steam-vessel on his improved plan; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Maurice: The petition of citizens of Suffolk county, New York, for a beacon-light at or near the entrance to the harbor of Port Jefferson, Long Island.

By Mr. Wheeler: The petition of citizens of the city and State of New York, that a steam-tug be prepared and fitted out in the harbor of the city of New York, to be kept for the rescue of distressed and wrecked seamen.

By Mr. Goodwin: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, for the erection of a light-house at Fair Haven, on Lake Ontario, in said State.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Whitfield: The petition of citizens of Lawrence, Kansas Territory, for the establishment of a mail-route from Kansas, Missouri, to Lawrence, in said Territory;

Also, the petition of citizens of the Territory of Kansas, for the establishment of a mail-route from St. Joseph's, Missouri, via the Nemehaw Agency, to Marysville, in said Territory;

Also, the petition of citizens of the Territory of Kansas, for the establishment of a mail-route from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Marysville, in said Territory.

By Mr. Hibbard: The petition of citizens of the State of New Hampshire, for the establishment of a mail-route from West Rumney, via Wentworth, Dorchester, and Dorchester Centre, to East Canaan.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Crocker: The petition of Ruth B. Phillips, widow of Rich-

ard C. Phillips, a soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Benton: The petition of Mary W. Thompson, widow of Colonel A. R. Thompson, for a continuation of her pension; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Whitfield: The petition of citizens of Kansas Territory, for the protection of town locations in said Territory.

By Mr. Goodwin: The petition of citizens of Eaton, Madison county, New York, for pensions and bounty land to the soldiers of the war of 1812.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Churchwell: The petition of the members of the bar of East Tennessee, for the increase of the salary of the district judge of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Latham: The petition of William P. Buel, for compensation for medical services to the third regiment of United States artillery, on board the steamer San Francisco; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Aiken: Extract from the proceedings of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Charleston, South Carolina, in relation to this government offering mediation between the belligerents of Europe; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Faulkner: The petition of R. B. Garnett, first lieutenant sixth infantry, respecting the compensation to infantry, &c., stationed at Fort Laramie, and giving brevets to subalterns of the line, and pay for fourteen years' service; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Whitfield: The petition of citizens of Kansas Territory, against locating the Wyandott Indians on Big Blue river, in said Territory; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Bocock: The petition of the officers of the frigate Constitution, for compensation for the capture of the British ship *Levant*, in 1815, and for other relief.

By Mr. Walsh: The petition of Ambrose W. Cliner, John Meany, and Solomon Disney, for compensation for services, hardships, and sacrifices, rendered and endured while seamen on board the United States sloop-of-war *Peacock*, during her shipwreck and loss, in 1841.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Chandler: The memorial of the provost and professors of the Pennsylvania University, and of the students of the medical department thereof, that an expedition be fitted out, at the public expense, to go in search of Dr. Kane.

By Mr. Aiken: The petition of John W. Caldwell, of Charleston, South Carolina, for change of name of a vessel.

Ordered, That said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Goodwin: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, that this government offer to mediate for peace between the belligerent

powers of Europe; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent, the bill of the House (No. 561) entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856," with the Senate amendments thereto, was taken from the Speaker's table and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent, the bill of the House (No. 554) entitled "An act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856," with the amendments of the Senate thereto, was next taken up.

The first amendment of the Senate having been read, the question was put, Will the House agree thereto?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

The second amendment of the Senate having been read,

Mr. Fenton moved to amend the same by adding thereto the following, viz:

Sec. —. And be it further enacted, That any woman, who was the wife or widow of an officer, non-commissioned officer, musician, private, seaman, or marine, who served in the army or navy of the United States in the revolutionary war, or in any subsequent war, or has since died in the land or naval service of the United States, shall also be entitled to the benefits of the pension laws, or of this act, but no woman shall receive a pension for any time during which her husband received one.

Pending the question on agreeing thereto,

Mr. Warren moved to refer the said bill and pending amendments to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pending which,

Mr. Warren moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and, under the operation thereof, the said bill and pending amendments were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. McDougall submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That debate in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union on House bill No. 296 be terminated on Tuesday, the 16th January instant, at 1 o'clock p. m.

The same having been read,

Mr. George W. Jones moved to amend the same by striking out "Tuesday, the 16th," and inserting in lieu thereof, "Friday, the 12th."

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said amendment?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 68
Nays..... 96

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
Willis Allen
David J. Bailey
William Barkadale

Mr. Nathan Belcher
Peter H. Bell
William W. Boyce
Francis M. Bristow
John S. Caakie

Mr. Elijah W. Chaatain
William M. Churchwell
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Carlton B. Curtis

Mr. John L. Dawson	Mr. George W. Jones	Mr. Origen S. Seymour
James F. Dowdell	J. Glancy Jones	Wilson Shannon
Cyrus L. Dunham	Zedekiah Kidwell	Henry M. Shaw
Henry A. Edmundson	William H. Kurtz	Jacob Shower
John M. Elliott	John Letcher	Otho R. Singleton
William H. English	Charles S. Lewis	Charles Skelton
Charles J. Faulkner	William D. Lindsley	Samuel A. Smith
Thomas J. D. Fuller	Moses Macdonald	William R. Smith
Alfred B. Greenwood	John McQueen	George W. Smyth
William T. Hamilton	James Maurice	Frederick P. Stanton
George Hastings	Augustus E. Maxwell	Nathan T. Stratton
Thomas A. Hendricks	John S. Milleon	John J. Taylor
Bernhart Henn	William Murray	Michael C. Trout
Harry Hibbard	Matthias H. Nichols	Joshua Vansant
Junius Hillyer	James L. Orr	Mike Walsh
George S. Houston	Jared V. Peck	William H. Witte
Colin M. Ingersoll	John S. Phelps	Daniel B. Wright.
Harvey H. Johnson	Thomas Ruffin	

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen	Mr. Galusha A. Grow	Mr. David A. Reese
Edward Ball	Aaron Harlan	William A. Richardson
Henry Bennett	Solomon G. Haven	David Ritchie
John C. Breckinridge	Isaac E. Hiester	John Robbins, jr.
Lewis D. Campbell	Clement S. Hill	Sion H. Rogers
Davis Carpenter	Thomas M. Howe	Peter Rowe
Samuel Caruthers	Charles Hughes	Samuel L. Russell
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain	Theodore G. Hunt	Alvah Sabin
Joseph R. Chandler	Lawrence M. Keitt	William R. Sapp
George W. Chase	John Kerr	George A. Simmons
James S. Chrisman	James Knox	Augustus R. Sollers
Samuel Clark	Alfred W. Lamb	Richard H. Stanton
John P. Cook	Milton S. Latham	Alexander H. Stephens
Moses B. Corwin	James A. McDougall	Hector L. Stevens
Leander M. Cox	Fayette McMullen	Andrew Stuart
Samuel L. Crocker	Daniel Mace	John L. Taylor
William Cullom	John B. Macy	Nathaniel G. Taylor
John G. Davis	Orsamus B. Matteson	Isaac Teller
Thomas Davis	Samuel Mayall	Benjamin B. Thurston
William Dunbar	James Meacham	William M. Tweed
J. Wiley Edmands	Ner Middleswarth	Charles W. Upham
Thomas D. Eliot	Smith Miller	Edward Wade
Emerson Etheridge	Edwin B. Morgan	Hiram Walbridge
E. Wilder Farley	David A. Noble	Samuel H. Walley
Reuben E. Fenton	Jesse O. Norton	Edward A. Warren
Thomas T. Flagler	Mordecai Oliver	Ellihu B. Washburne
Thomas B. Florence	Samuel W. Parker	Israel Washburn, jr.
John R. Franklin	Alex. C. M. Pennington	Daniel Wells, jr.
Joshua R. Giddings	John Perkins, jr.	Tappan Wentworth
William O. Goode	Benjamin Pringle	Theodoric R. Westbrook
John Z. Goodrich	Richard C. Puryear	John Wheeler
Henry C. Goodwin	Charles Ready	Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the said amendment was disagreed to.

The question then recurring on the said resolution,

Mr. Boccock moved that it be laid on the table; which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put, Will the House agree to the said resolution?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

So the said resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Houston moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and

also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Upham gave notice, under the rule, of his intention to move for leave to introduce bills as follows, viz:

A bill for the preservation of the harbor of Lynn, in the State of Massachusetts;

A bill providing for a resurvey of the harbor of Annisquam, in the town of Gloucester, in the State of Massachusetts;

A bill providing for the resurvey of the harbor of Rockport, in the State of Massachusetts;

A bill for the preservation of the harbor of Marblehead, in the State of Massachusetts.

The House then resumed as the regular order of business the bill of the House (No. 550) to amend an act approved the 4th of August, 1854, entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators," the pending question being on the point of order submitted by Mr. Houston, viz: that the amendment submitted by Mr. George W. Jones to the amendment of the Committee on Public Lands is not in order.

The Speaker overruled the said point of order;

And the House acquiesced in the said decision.

The Speaker then stated the question to be on the motion heretofore submitted by Mr. Dawson, to recommit the said bill and pending amendments to the Committee on Public Lands.

After debate,

Mr. Dawson moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. Campbell moved that the bill and pending amendments be laid on the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 65
Nays 95

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
William Appleton
David J. Bailey
Thomas H. Bayly
Edward Ball
Nathan Belcher
Peter H. Bell
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas S. Boccock
William W. Boyce
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
George W. Chase
Elijah W. Chastain
Thomas L. Clingman
Moses B. Corwin
Burton Craige
Samuel L. Crocker
John Dick
J. Wiley Edmonds
Henry A. Edmundson

Mr. Thomas T. Flagler
John R. Franklin
Thomas J. D. Fuller
William O. Goode
Henry C. Goodwin
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Wiley P. Harris
Solomon G. Haven
Harry Hibbard
Clement S. Hill
Theodore G. Hunt
Harvey H. Johnson
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Letcher
John McQueen
Henry May
James Meacham
John S. Millson
James L. Orr
Samuel W. Parker
Bishop Perkins

Mr. Paulus Powell
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
George Read Riddle
Sion H. Rogers
Peter Rowe
Thomas Ruffin
Alvah Sabin
Origen S. Seymour
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
William Smith
Augustus R. Sollers
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Samuel H. Walley
Daniel B. Wright
Felix K. Zollcoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie	Mr. George Hastings	Mr. John Perkins, jr.
James C. Allen	Thomas A. Hendricks	John S. Phelps
Thomas H. Benton	Bernhart Henn	James T. Pratt
John C. Breckinridge	George S. Houston	William A. Richardson
Robert M. Bugg	Charles Hughes	John Robbins, jr.
Samuel Caruthers	Colin M. Ingersoll	Samuel L. Russell
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain	George W. Jones	William R. Sapp
Joseph R. Chandler	J. Glancy Jones	Wilson Shannon
James S. Chrisman	Roland Jones	Otho R. Singleton
William M. Churchwell	James Knox	Charles Skelton
Samuel Clark	William H. Kurtz	Samuel A. Smith
Williamson R. W. Cobb	Alfred W. Lamb	William R. Smith
Leander M. Cox	Milton S. Latham	George W. Smyth
William Cullom	William D. Lindsey	Frederick P. Stanton
Carlton B. Curtis	James A. McDougall	Richard H. Stanton
John G. Davis	Fayette McMullen	Alexander H. Stephens
Thomas Davis	Daniel Mace	Nathan T. Stratton
John L. Dawson	John B. Macy	Andrew Stuart
James F. Dowdell	Orsamus B. Matteson	John J. Taylor
William Dunbar	James Maurice	Benjamin B. Thurston
Cyrus L. Dunham	Augustus E. Maxwell	Michael C. Trout
Ben C. Eastman	Samuel Mayall	Charles W. Upham
Norman Eddy	Ner Middleswarth	Joshua Vansant
Thomas D. Elliot	Smith Miller	Edward Wade
John M. Elliott	Edwin B. Morgan	William A. Walker
William H. English	William Murray	Mike Walsh
Emerson Etheridge	Matthias H. Nichols	Edward A. Warren
E. Wilder Farley	Navid A. Noble	Daniel Wells, jr.
Thomas B. Florence	Jesse O. Norton	Theodoric R. Westbrook
John Z. Goodrich	Edson B. Olds	John Wheeler
Frederick W. Green	Andrew Oliver	William H. Witte
Alfred B. Greenwood	Mordecai Oliver	Richard Yates.
Galusha A. Grow	Jared V. Peck	

So the House refused to lay the bill on the table.

The question then recurring on the demand for the previous question, the House refused to second the same.

The question then recurred on the motion to recommit.

Pending which,

Mr. Orr moved that the bill and pending amendments be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

Pending which,

Mr. Campbell moved the previous question.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Tappan Wentworth, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Orr reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the special order, viz: H. R. 295. A bill to provide for the establishment of railroad and telegraphic communication between the Atlantic States and the Pacific ocean, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, a bill of the following title, viz:

H. R. 547. An act to continue in force for a limited time the provisions of the act of Congress of March 3, 1851, and the second section of its supplement of January 18, 1854, so as to enable the board of land commissioners in California to close their adjudications of private land titles in that State, and for other purposes.

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

Mr. George W. Jones, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law for applying the principles of the Florida armed-occupation act, passed August 4, 1842, to the Territories of New Mexico and Utah, with a view to suppress Indian hostilities in said Territories.

Mr. Dunbar, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 631) making an appropriation for continuing the improvement of the channels of the mouths of the Mississippi river; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. McDougall, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 411) entitled "An act to establish a line of steam mail-ships between San Francisco, in California, and Shanghai, in China, touching at the Sandwich Islands and Japan," reported the same with an amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be re-referred to the said committee, and that the bill and amendment be printed.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the vote by which the said bill was re-referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Cox, at 3 o'clock p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1855.

The following petitions and other papers were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Clingman: Memorandum for a mail-route from Andersonville, via Big Willow, Crab Creek, Little Rivers, North Carolina, to Pumpkintown, South Carolina.

By Mr. Middleswarth: The petition of citizens of Union county, Pennsylvania, for a mail-route from Selim's Grove to Middlebury, in said county.

Ordered, That said petition and memorandum be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Dawson: The petition of James Daugherty, of Green county, Pennsylvania, for a pension.

By Mr. Adrew Oliver: The petition of H. W. Dobbin, for arrears of pension.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Rowe: The petition of Hugh Riddle, for arrears of pay as a pensioner of the war of 1812;

Also, the petition of citizens of the city and county of Schenectady, New York, that the soldiers of the war of 1812 be allowed bounty land and pensions;

Also the petition of George Zimmer, asking for a pension for services in the war of the Revolution.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Maxwell: The petitions of the registers and receivers of the land offices at St. Augustine and Tallahassee, Florida, for additional compensation under the act of August 4, 1854, graduating the price of public lands; which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Wade: The petition of Thomas Richards, for compensation for injuries received while in the employ of the United States government works at the harbor at Cleveland, Ohio; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne: The petition of citizens of the State of Wisconsin, that the surplus revenue of the general government be appropriated for a general school fund in the United States; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Richardson: The petition of Thomas Smithers, an invalid soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension;

Also, the petition of the soldiers of the war of 1812, of Peoria, Knox, Fulton, Stark, Henry, Tazewell, and Warren counties, in the State of Illinois, that Congress grant the survivors of said war pensions and bounty land.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Walbridge: The petition of Joseph White, late navy agent at Baltimore, Maryland, for relief, on account of an error in the statement and settlement of his accounts as said agent; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Upham: The petition of citizens of Newburyport, Massachusetts, for aid to the Lane Cove Pier Company, in building said Pier; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Walbridge: The petition of John Golden, a soldier of the war of 1812, for compensation for services during said war; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Fenton: The petition of citizens of Jamestown, New York, against the extension of Woodworth's patent; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House communications, as follows, viz:

I. A letter from the First Comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting, in compliance with the acts of March 3, 1809, and March 3, 1817, statements of the accounts which have remained unsettled more than three years prior to the 1st of July last, on the books of the Second,

Third, and Fourth Auditors, and the Register of the Treasury ; which were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Commissioner of Public Buildings, transmitting copies of contracts made by him during the year 1854 ; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phillips, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 632) to regulate the carrying of spirits of turpentine ; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Thomas D. Eliot, by unanimous consent, introduced bills of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 633. A bill making appropriation for continuing the improvement for the preservation of Great Woods Hole harbor, Massachusetts ;

H. R. 634. A bill making appropriation for continuing the repairs of the breakwater at Hyannis harbor, Massachusetts ;

H. R. 635. A bill making appropriation for continuing the improvement of the harbor at New Bedford, Massachusetts ;

H. R. 636. A bill for the preservation of the harbor of Nantucket, Massachusetts ;

which bills were severally read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Richardson, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 637) to improve the Mississippi river and its tributaries ; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Florence, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Zelia M. Crosby, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickens, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz :

S. 460. An act for the relief of Ephraim Hunt ; and

S. 491. An act for the relief of Samuel A. Belden and Company ;
in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have agreed to the amendment of this House to the bill of the Senate (No. 31) entitled " An act for the relief of Purser Francis B. Stockton." .

And then he withdrew.

Notices were given, under the rule, of motions for leave to introduce bills as follows, viz :

By Mr. Wade : A bill making an appropriation to continue the improvements at the Cleveland harbor, in the State of Ohio ;

Also, a bill making an appropriation to continue the improvement at the mouth of Grand river, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Napoleon B. Giddings : A bill to establish post-roads in Nebraska Territory ;

Also, a bill to protect the proprietors of towns in Nebraska Territory in their town sites.

By Mr. Israel Washburn, jr. : A bill to change the time of the meeting of Congress, and for other purposes.

The House then resumed, as the regular order of business, the bill of the House (No. 550) to amend an act approved the 4th of August,

1854, entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators;" the pending question being on the demand for the previous question.

Mr. Campbell having withdrawn his demand for the previous question,

The Speaker stated the question to be on the motion of Mr. Orr, to commit the said bill to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and print the same.

After debate,

Mr. Orr withdrew his said motion; when

Mr. Campbell renewed the same; and also renewed the demand for the previous question.

The previous question having been seconded, the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and printed?

And it was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 82
Nays 88

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Appleton
William S. Ashe
Thomas H. Bayly
Edward Ball
William Barkedale
Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas S. Boccock
William W. Boyce
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
John S. Caskie
George W. Chase
Elijah W. Chastain
Thomas L. Clingman
Moses B. Corwin
Barton Craige
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Thomas Davis
John Dick
J. Wiley Edmands
Henry A. Edmundson
Emerson Etheridge
John R. Franklin

Mr. Thomas J. D. Fuller
Joshua R. Giddings
William O. Goode
Henry C. Goodwin
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Solomon G. Haven
Harry Hibbard
Clement S. Hill
Junius Hillyer
Theodore G. Hunt
Harvey H. Johnson
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
Zedekiah Kidwell
Alfred W. Lamb
John Letcher
Augustus E. Maxwell
John S. Millson
George W. Morrison
James L. Orr
Samuel W. Parker
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Bishop Perkins
John Perkins, jr.
Paulus Powell
James T. Pratt

Mr. Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
George Read Riddle
Sion H. Rogers
Peter Rowe
Thomas Ruffin
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
William Smith
William R. Smith
John L. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Edward Wade
Samuel H. Walley
Mike Walsh
Edward A. Warren
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel B. Wright
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
David J. Bailey
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
John C. Breckinridge
Eben. M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
James S. Chrisman

Mr. William M. Churchwell
Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John P. Cook
Leander M. Cox
Carlton B. Curtis
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
Alexander De Witt

Mr. James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Thomas D. Elliot
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English

Mr. E. Wilder Farley
 Reuben E. Fenton
 Thomas B. Florence
 Frederick W. Green
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 Galusha A. Grow
 Sampson W. Harris
 George Hastings
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Bernhart Henn
 Isaac E. Hiestor
 George S. Houston
 Thomas M. Howe
 Charles Hughes
 George W. Jones
 J. Glancy Jones
 James Knox
 William H. Kurtz
 Milton S. Latham
 William D. Linsdley
 James A. McDougall

Mr. Fayette McMullen
 Daniel Mace
 John B. Macy
 Orasmus B. Matteson
 James Maurice
 Samuel Mayall
 Ner Middleswarth
 Smith Miller
 William Murray
 Matthias H. Nichols
 Jesse O. Norton
 Edson B. Olds
 Andrew Oliver
 Jared V. Peck
 John S. Phelps
 Philip Phillips
 David Ritchie
 John Robbins, jr.
 William R. Sapp
 Wilson Shannon

Mr. Otho R. Singleton
 Charles Skelton
 Samuel A. Smith
 George W. Smyth
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Alexander H. Stephens
 Hestor L. Stevens
 Nathan T. Stratton
 Christian M. Straub
 Andrew Stuart
 John J. Taylor
 Michael C. Trout
 Charles W. Upham
 Hiram Walbridge
 William A. Walker
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Daniels Wells, jr.
 Tappan Wentworth
 Theodorice R. Westbrook
 John Wheeler.

So the motion to commit and print was disagreed to.

The question then recurring on the motion to recommit, heretofore moved by Mr. Dawson,

Mr. McMullen moved that the vote by which the main question was ordered to be put, be reconsidered ; which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put on the motion to recommit,

And it was decided in the negative, {	Yeas.....	85
	Nays.....	89

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Appleton
 William S. Ashe
 Edward Ball
 William Barkadale
 Nathan Belcher
 Henry Bennett
 Samuel P. Benson
 Thomas S. Bocock
 William W. Boyce
 Francis M. Bristow
 Robert M. Bugg
 Lewis D. Campbell
 Davis Carpenter
 John S. Caskie
 Thomas L. Clingman
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 Moses B. Corwin
 Burton Craige
 Samuel L. Crocker
 William Cullom
 Thomas Davis
 John Dick
 James F. Dowdell
 J. Wiley Edmonds
 Henry A. Edmundson
 Thomas D. Eliot
 Emerson Etheridge
 Thomas T. Flagler
 John R. Franklin

Mr. Thomas J. D. Fuller
 Joshua R. Giddings
 William O. Goode
 Henry C. Goodwin
 William T. Hamilton
 Aaron Harlan
 Sampson W. Harris
 Solomon G. Haven
 Harry Hibbard
 Clement S. Hill
 Junius Hillyer
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Lawrence M. Keitt
 John Kerr
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 James Knox
 Alfred W. Lamb
 John Letcher
 Charles S. Lewis
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 John S. Millson
 George W. Morrison
 Jesse O. Norton
 James L. Orr
 Samuel W. Parker
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 Bishop Perkins
 John Perkins, jr.

Mr. Paulus Powell
 James T. Pratt
 Benjamin Pringle
 Richard C. Puryear
 Charles Ready
 David A. Reese
 George Read Riddle
 Sion H. Rogers
 Peter Rowe
 Thomas Ruffin
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 James L. Seward
 Origen S. Seymour
 Henry M. Shaw
 Jacob Shower
 George A. Simmons
 William Smith
 William R. Smith
 Augustus R. Sollers
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Samuel H. Walley
 Edward A. Warren
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 Daniel B. Wright
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie	Mr. Alfred B. Greenwood	Mr. Jared V. Peck
James C. Allen	Galusha A. Grow	John S. Phelps
Willis Allen	George Hastings	David Ritchie
David J. Bailey	Thomas A. Hendricks	John Robbins, jr.
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.	Bernhart Henn	William R. Sapp
John C. Breckinridge	Isaac E. Hiester	Wilson Shannon
Samuel Caruthers	George S. Houston	Otho R. Singleton
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain	Thomas M. Howe	Charles Skelton
Joseph R. Chandler	Charles Hughes	Samuel A. Smith
George W. Chase	Collin M. Ingersoll	George W. Smyth
Elijah W. Chastain	George W. Jones	Frederick P. Stanton
James S. Chrisman	J. Glancy Jones	Alexander H. Stephens
William M. Churchwell	Roland Jones	Hester L. Stevens
Samuel Clark	William H. Kurtz	Nathan T. Stratton
John P. Cook	Milton S. Latham	Christian M. Straub
Leander M. Cox	William D. Lindale	Andrew Stuart
John G. Davis	Moses Macdonald	John J. Taylor
Alexander De Witt	James A. McDougall	Benjamin B. Thurston
William Dunbar	Fayette McMullen	Michael C. Trout
Cyrus L. Dunham	Daniel Mace	William M. Tweed
Ben C. Eastman	John B. Macy	Charles W. Upham
Norman Eddy	Orsamus B. Matteson	Edward Wade
John M. Elliott	James Maurice	Hiram Walbridge
Andrew Ellison	Samuel Mayall	Mike Walsh
William H. English	Ner Middleswarth	Ellihu B. Washburne
E. Wilder Farley	Smith Miller	Daniel Wells, jr.
Reuben E. Fen'ou	William Murray	Tappan Wentworth
Thomas B. Florence	Matthias H. Nichols	Theodorio R. Westbrook
John Z. Goodrich	Edson B. Olds	William H. Witte.
Frederick W. Green	Andrew Oliver	

The question then recurred on the amendment heretofore submitted, and subsequently modified by Mr. George W. Jones, to the amendment reported from the Committee on Public Lands.

And being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 73
Nays..... 93

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen	Mr. John Z. Goodrich	Mr. Edson B. Olds
Willis Allen	Frederick W. Green	Andrew Oliver
John C. Breckinridge	Alfred B. Greenwood	Jared V. Peck
Francis M. Bristow	Galusha A. Grow	John S. Phelps
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain	George Hastings	William A. Richardson
Joseph R. Chandler	Thomas A. Hendricks	David Ritchie
James S. Chrisman	Bernhart Henn	John Robbins, jr.
Samuel Clark	Isaac E. Hiester	William R. Sapp
Leander M. Cox	Thomas M. Howe	Wilson Shannon
Carlton B. Curtis	Charles Hughes	Otho R. Singleton
John G. Davis	George W. Jones	Charles Skelton
Thomas Davis	J. Glancy Jones	Samuel A. Smith
John L. Dawson	Roland Jones	Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander De Witt	Milton S. Latham	Alexander H. Stephens
William Dunbar	William D. Lindale	Hester L. Stevens
Cyrus L. Dunham	Fayette McMullen	Nathan T. Stratton
Norman Eddy	Daniel Mace	Christian M. Straub
John M. Elliott	John B. Macy	David Stuart
Andrew Ellison	James Maurice	John J. Taylor
E. Wilder Farley	Ner Middleswarth	Michael C. Trout
Reuben E. Fenton	William Murray	William M. Tweed
Thomas B. Florence	David A. Noble	Charles W. Upham

Mr. Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Mike Walsh

Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne
Daniel Wells, jr.

Mr. Tappan Wentworth
Theodoric R. Westbrook.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
David J. Bailey
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barksdale
Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas H. Benton
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bacock
William W. Boyce
Preston S. Brooks
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
John S. Caskie
George W. Chase
Elijah W. Chastain
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Moses B. Corwin
Burton Craige
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
John Dick
James F. Dowdell

Mr. J. Wiley Edmonds
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Eliot
Emerson Etheridge
Thomas T. Flagler
John R. Franklin
Thomas J. D. Fuller
William O. Goode
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Sampson W. Harris
Solomon G. Haven
Harry Hibbard
Clement S. Hill
Junius Hillyer
George S. Houston
Theodore G. Hunt
Harvey H. Johnson
Zedekiah Kidwell
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
Charles S. Lewis
Augustus E. Maxwell
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
George W. Morrison
Matthias H. Nichols
James L. Orr
Samuel W. Parker
Alex. C. M. Pennington

Mr. John Perkins, jr.
Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell
James T. Pratt
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
George Read Riddle
Sion H. Rogers
Peter Rowe
Thomas Ruffin
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
William Smith
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
Augustus R. Sollers
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Samuel H. Walley
John Wheeler
Daniel B. Wright
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the amendment to the amendment was disagreed to.

Mr. Millson moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

The question then recurred on the amendment reported from the Committee on Public Lands.

And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

So the said amendment was agreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on its passage,

Mr. Cobb moved the previous question; which was seconded, and the main question ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And it was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 6S
Nays..... 9S

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William S. Ashe

Mr. David J. Bailey
Edward Ball
William Barksdale
Thomas H. Benton

Mr. George Bliss
Lewis D. Campbell
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain

Mr. George W. Chase
 Samuel Clark
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 Isaac E. Hiester

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 Harvey H. Johnson
 James Knox
 Alfred W. Lamb
 Milton S. Latham
 Fayette McMullen
 John B. Macy
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 Smith Miller
 William Murray
 David A. Noble
 Jesse O. Norton
 Mordecai Oliver
 Samuel W. Parker
 John Perkins, jr.
 Charles Ready

Mr. George Read Riddle
 William R. Sapp
 Wilson Shannon
 Otho R. Singleton
 William R. Smith
 George W. Smyth
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Alexander H. Stephens
 Hestor L. Stevens
 Andrew Stuart
 David Stuart
 John J. Taylor
 William A. Walker
 Mike Walsh
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 Theodorick R. Westbrook
 Daniel B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken
 William Appleton
 Thomas H. Bayly
 Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
 Nathan Belcher
 Henry Bennett
 Samuel P. Benson
 Thomas S. Bocock
 William W. Boyce
 John C. Breckinridge
 Francis M. Bristow
 Preston S. Brooks
 Davis Carpenter
 John S. Caskie
 Joseph R. Chandler
 Elijah W. Chaastain
 James S. Chrisman
 Thomas L. Clingman
 Moses B. Corwin
 Leander M. Cox
 Burton Craige
 Samuel L. Crocker
 John L. Dawson
 Alexander De Witt
 John Dick
 Cyrus L. Dunham
 Norman Eddy
 Henry A. Edmundson
 Thomas D. Eliot
 John M. Elliott
 Andrew Ellison
 Thomas B. Florence

Mr. John R. Franklin
 Thomas J. D. Fuller
 William O. Goode
 John Z. Goodrich
 Frederick W. Green
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 George Hastings
 Solomon G. Haven
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Clement S. Hill
 Thomas M. Howe
 George W. Jones
 Roland Jones
 Lawrence M. Keitt
 William H. Kurtz
 Charles S. Lewis
 William D. Lindsley
 Moses Macdonald
 Daniel Mace
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 James Maurice
 Ner Middleswarth
 John S. Millson
 George W. Morrison
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 Andrew Oliver
 James L. Orr
 Jared V. Peck
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 Bishop Perkins
 John S. Phelps

Mr. Philip Phillips
 James T. Pratt
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 Jacob Shower
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 Charles Skelton
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 William Smith
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 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Michael C. Trout
 Charles W. Upham
 Edward Wade
 Samuel H. Walley
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 Tappan Wentworth
 John Wheeler.

So the bill was rejected.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 273. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Colonel John H. Stone;

H. R. 524. An act for the benefit of Charles J. Porcher, acting purser of the sloop-of-war Falmouth ; and

H. R. 471. An act for the relief of the administrator of Thomas Wishart—

the two first without amendment, and the last (H. R. 471) with an amendment; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have agreed to the amendment of this House to the bill of the Senate (S. 233) entitled "An act for the relief of Susan Coody and others;" and have disagreed to the amendment of the House to the bill of the Senate (S. 30) entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Marston Taylor," ask a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and have appointed Mr. Fish, Mr. Gwin, and Mr. Shields, the committee of conference on their part.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Hamilton gave notice, under the rule, of his intention to move for leave to introduce a bill to amend the act approved August 4, 1854, to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators.

Mr. Dawson, the morning hour having expired, moved that the House proceed to the consideration of the business on the Speaker's table.

Pending which,

Mr. Hamilton moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pending which,

Mr. Samuel A. Smith moved that the vote by which the bill of the House (No. 550) to amend an act approved 4th of August, 1854, entitled "An act to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators," was rejected, be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

Pending the question on the latter motion,

On motion of Mr. Mace, at 3 o'clock p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1855.

The following petitions and other papers were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Bell: The petition of citizens of Brazoria and Fort Bend counties, Texas, for the establishment of a mail-route from Seguin, via Benito, Sather's, Clemens', Hinds', Wahoope's, and John S. Hodge's, to Fredericksburg, in said State;

Also, the petition of citizens of Gonzales county, Texas, for a mail-route from Gonzales, by the way of Zoar, to La Grange, in said State;

Also, the petition of citizens of Brazoria and Fort Bend counties, Texas, for a mail-route from Oyster creek to Hodge's Bend, in said State;

Also, the petition of citizens of Centreville, Texas, for a mail-route from Huntsville to Centreville, via Fairfield and Corsicana, in said State.

By Mr. Henn: The petition of citizens of the State of Iowa, of Black Hawk, Hardin, Grundy, and Butler counties, for a mail-route to be

extended west from Cedar Falls, via Fort Dodge, to Sergeant's Bluff, in said State.

By Mr. Whitfield: The petition of citizens of the Territory of Kansas, for a mail-route from Fort Leavenworth up the north side of the Kansas river, to Fort Riley, in said Territory.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. John J. Taylor: Additional papers in the case of Ashbel Porter.

By Mr. Matteson: The petition of citizens of Oneida county, New York, that bounty land be granted to all who served during the war of 1812, not less than 160 acres to each soldier, or to his heirs or legal representatives.

Ordered, That said petition and papers be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Bishop Perkins: The petition of Stephen Livingston, heir of Lieutenant Colonel Richard Livingston, deceased, an officer of the Revolution, for commutation pay, under resolution of Congress of 1780.

By Mr. Hastings: The petition of Mrs. Sally Ketchum, widow of Joseph Ketchum, deceased—heretofore presented March 13, 1846.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Hughes: The petition of Catharine Van Rensselaer Cochran, the only surviving child of Philip Schuyler, asking for compensation for property of her said father which was destroyed in the war of the Revolution; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Whitfield: The petitions of citizens of the Territory of Kansas, for the protection of town locations in said Territory;

Also, the petition of citizens of the Territory of Kansas for the right of way for a railroad through the public lands in said Territory.

By Mr. Roland Jones: The petition of citizens of the State of Louisiana, for the passage of a law authorizing them to enter land on which they reside at the graduated price.

By Mr. Morrison: The petition of citizens of the State of New Hampshire who served in the war of 1812, for bounty land.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Andrew Harlan: The petition of Stephen Johnson and Eliza Winans, for authority to them to re-locate lands in lieu of lands located for them under the authority of the United States, which was granted to them by the Pottawatomie Indians; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Latham: Additional papers in the case of Isaac Swain; which were referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Witte: The petition of John Hastings, collector and surveyor of the port at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, for relief on account of having been robbed of a large amount of public funds which he had on hand as said surveyor; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Haven: The petition of John Fox, and eight other Tusca-

rawa Indians, for compensation for services rendered the United States during the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Hunt: The petition of ship-masters, praying Congress to pass a law making it a criminal offence to pay wages to seamen in advance, or to their landlords, and for the enactment of the apprentice system in the merchants' marine.

By Mr. Bell: The petition of citizens of Galveston, Texas, for the appointment of a proper person to superintend the lights, and to keep them in good order and repair, in the harbor of Galveston.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Mordecai Oliver gave notice, under the rule, of his intention to move for leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators," approved the 4th of August, 1854, and also to legalize and make valid certain entries made under said act.

On motion of Mr. Cobb, the House proceeded to the consideration of the motion made on yesterday, by Mr. Samuel A. Smith, to lay on the table the motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill (H. R. No. 550) to amend an act approved the 4th of August, 1854, entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators," was rejected.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

So the said motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the bill of the House (No. 582) entitled "A bill to amend the charter of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia," be printed.

Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom were referred the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 561) entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856," reported the same back with the recommendation that the House concur in some and non-concur in other of the said amendments.

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

On motion of Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the estimates for the support of the Military Academy, accompanying the amendments of the Senate, be printed.

On motion of Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the letter addressed to the Committee of Ways and Means by the Secretary of War, together with the enclosure relative to the classification of the clerks in his department, be laid on the table and printed.

On motion of Mr. William Smith, by unanimous consent, the House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment of the Senate to the

bill of the House (No. 471) entitled "An act for the relief of the administrator of Thomas Wishart."

And the question being stated, Will the House concur in the said amendment?

Mr. Haven moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said amendment was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Napoleon B. Giddings obtained leave and introduced bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 638. A bill to establish post-roads in Nebraska Territory;

No. 639. A bill to protect the proprietors of towns in Nebraska Territory in their town sites;

No. 640. A bill to provide for the survey and settlement of the Half-Breed tract of land in Nebraska Territory;
which were severally read a first and second time, and referred as follows, viz:

No. 638, to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads;

No. 639, to the Committee on Public Lands;

No. 640, to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Crocker obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 641) making an appropriation for continuing the improvement of Taunton river, Massachusetts; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The regular order of business having been called for, the House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 353) to remodel the diplomatic and consular systems of the United States, reported from the Committee on Foreign Affairs with amendments.

After debate, and pending the question on agreeing to the said amendments,

On motion of Mr. Clingman, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Orr reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill (H. R. No. 295) to provide for the establishment of a railroad and telegraphic communication between the Atlantic States and the Pacific ocean, had come to no resolution thereon.

When

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did present to the President, on the 10th instant, an enrolled bill entitled,

H. R. 507. An act to incorporate the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the District of Columbia;
and on the 11th instant an enrolled bill entitled,

H. R. 547. An act to continue in force for a limited time the provisions of the act of Congress of 30th March, 1851, and the second section of its supplement of 18th January, 1854, so as to enable the board of land commissioners in California to close their adjudication of private land titles in that State, and for other purposes.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the

committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles, viz :

S. 31. An act for the relief of Francis B. Stockton.

S. 182. An act for the relief of Thomas Butler.

S. 72. An act for the relief of the heirs and representatives of Uriah Prewitt, deceased.

S. 102. An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of William Weeks.

S. 191. An act for the relief of Thomas B. Parsons.

S. 233. An act for the relief of Susan Coody and others.

S. 251. An act authorizing the legal representatives of Antoine Vasquez, Hypolite Vasquez, Joseph Vasquez, and John Colligan, to enter certain lands in Missouri.

S. 276. An act for the relief of Mrs. Ann W. Angus.

S. 301. An act for the relief of the representatives of Thomas D. Anderson, deceased, late consul at Tripoli.

S. 306. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of James Erwin, of Arkansas, and others.

S. 334. An act for the relief of François Cousin.

S. 401. An act for the relief of William Duer.

S. 531. An act for the relief of C. E. Greneaux.

H. R. 273. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Colonel John H. Stone.

H. R. 524. An act for the benefit of Charles J. Porcher, acting purser of the sloop-of-war Falmouth.

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

On motion of Mr. Houston,

Ordered, That the letter of the Secretary of War, addressed to the Committee on Military Affairs, relative to an estimate for the preservation of the site of Fort Moultrie, Charleston harbor, South Carolina, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and printed.

Mr. Ready, by unanimous consent, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Medford Caffey, of the State of Tennessee, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 642) for his relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Florence, at 2 o'clock and 55 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1855.

The following petitions, memorial, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Eastman : The petition of citizens of the State of Wisconsin for a mail-route from Plattville to Quincy, in said State.

By Mr. Boyd : The petition of citizens of Paducah, Kentucky, that Glover and Mather be remunerated for losses sustained by them on ac-

count of the Post Office Department refusing to allow them to fulfil their contract for carrying the mail from St. Louis to New Orleans.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Wade : The petition of Rufus Call, an invalid soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension.

By Mr. Haven : The petition of Stacy Lamphene—heretofore presented December 8, 1845 ;

Also, the petition of citizens of the State of New York, for the extension of the provisions of the bounty land act of 1850 to the benefit of the soldiers of the war of 1812; also to grant them pensions.

By Mr. Clark : The petition of George E. Martin—heretofore presented December 15, 1851.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Haven : The sworn statement of Jonathan Hascall, of Brant, Erie county, New York, of his losses in 1778, by hostile Indians, and asking for relief; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Boyd : The memorial of the commissioners of the State of Tennessee for leveeing the Mississippi river, for assistance from the general government; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Wade : The petition of J. P. Hatch, for relief on account of money lost by him in the recruiting service of the United States.

By Mr. Pringle : The petition of citizens of the State of New York, who served in the war of 1812, for additional bounty land.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Simmons : The petition of citizens of the State of New York, for the completion of the breakwater at Plattsburg, in said State;

Also, the report of the Board of Engineers in relation to the harbor of Plattsburg, New York ;

Also, the petition of citizens of the State of New York, for the erection of a custom-house at Plattsburg, in said State.

Also, the petition of citizens of the State of New York, for a marine hospital at Plattsburg, New York.

Ordered, That said petitions and report be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Notices were given, under the rule, of motions for leave to introduce bills as follows, viz :

By Mr. Sapp : A bill to redeem, at par, the continental money with which the soldiers of the Revolution were paid for their services.

By Mr. Frederick P. Stanton : A bill to incorporate the library of the Columbia Fire Company of Washington city.

By Mr. Walley : A bill for continuing repairs on Deer and Lowell's islands, in Boston harbor ;

Also a bill for continuing the sea-wall for the protection of Great Brewster island, in the harbor of Boston.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the

committee did, on this day, present to the President of the United States bills of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 524. An act for the benefit of Charles J. Porcher, acting purser of the sloop-of-war Falmouth.

S. 31. An act for the relief of Francis B. Stockton.

S. 301. An act for the relief of the representatives of Thomas D. Anderson, deceased, late consul at Tripoli.

S. 306. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of James Erwin, of Arkansas, and others.

S. 276. An act for the relief of Mrs. Ann W. Angus.

S. 334. An act for the relief of François Cousin.

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S. 233. An act for the relief of Susan Coody and others.

S. 191. An act for the relief of Thomas B. Parsons.

S. 182. An act for the relief of Thomas Butler.

S. 72. An act for the relief of the heirs and representatives of Uriah Prewitt, deceased.

H. R. 273. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Colonel John H. Stone.

S. 102. An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of William Weeks.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform this House of the death of the Hon. Moses Norris, a member of that body from the State of New Hampshire, and of the proceedings of the Senate thereon.

The said message having been read,

Mr. Morrison, after remarks upon the life and public services of the deceased, submitted the following resolutions, viz :

Resolved unanimously, That the House deeply laments the recent death of the Hon. Moses Norris, a senator of the United States from the State of New Hampshire, and that, as a testimonial of respect for his memory, the members of the House will wear crape on the left arm for thirty days.

Resolved, That the clerk communicate a copy of the foregoing resolution to the widow of the deceased.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by the Speaker, with such as the Senate have appointed, to superintend the removal of the remains of the deceased from his late residence. at 4 o'clock this p. m., and that the members of the House will attend the same.

Resolved, As a further mark of respect, that the House do now adjourn.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Preston,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it adjourn until Monday next.

The question was then put on the resolutions submitted by Mr. Morrison,

And they were unanimously agreed to.

And thereupon,
The Speaker having appointed Mr. Morrison, Mr. Chandler, and Mr. Thomas H. Bayly, the said committee on the part of the House,
The House adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1855.

The following petitions and memorials were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Corwin: The petition of Charles Fierer's administrator *de bonis non*—heretofore presented April 26, 1852; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Henn: The petition of citizens of the State of Iowa, for the establishment of a mail-route from Winterset, via Peru, to Osceola, Clark county, in said State; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Riddle: The petition of Olivia N. Cannon, widow of the late midshipman Joseph S. Cannon, for a pension.

By Mr. Sage: The petition of William Dwyer, of the State of New York, for relief, on account of an injury received by him, which resulted in the loss of his leg, while in the employ of the United States arsenal, in the town of Watervliet, in the State of New York.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Bliss: The petition of citizens of Portage county, Ohio, and soldiers of the war of 1812, that the soldiers of said war be placed on the same footing as to pensions as the soldiers of the Revolution.

By Mr. Drum: The petition of Walter Bell, for the amount of pension due to his mother, Mary Bell, of Pennsylvania, at the time of her death.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Maxwell: The petition of R. T. Buchett, assignee of Thomas H. Duval, late clerk of the territorial superior court of the middle district of the State of Florida, at Tallahassee, for compensation for clerical services rendered by said Duval;

Also, the petition of William A. Forward, assignee of Joseph S. Sanchez, late marshal for the eastern district of the late Territory of Florida, for compensation for official services rendered by said Sanchez.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Walley: Two memorials of the "New England Veteran Association," for an extension of the pension system to the soldiers and their widows of the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Andrew Oliver: Two petitions of citizens of Yates county New York, for the repeal of the duty on coal; which were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Hendricks: The petition of citizens of the State of Indiana who were soldiers of the war of 1812, for an extension of the bounty-land law of 1850.

By Mr. Sage: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, who served in the war of 1812, of like import with the foregoing.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Matteson: The petition of the heirs of Moses Cook—heretofore presented December 30, 1843; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Fenton: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, against the extension of Woodworth's patent; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. English: Two petitions of citizens of Floyd and Clark counties, in the State of Indiana, on behalf of the claim for damages of Glover and Mather; which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Andrew Oliver: The petition of Lieutenant J. W. Swift—heretofore presented January 17, 1850; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Edgerton: The petition of citizens of Toledo, Ohio, that bounty land be granted to the officers and soldiers of the war of 1812, without regard to length of service; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Banks: The memorial of the Free Baptist Mission Society, in the State of Massachusetts, for the repeal of the Nebraska bill of 1854; which was referred to the Committee on the Territories.

By Mr. Edgerton: The petition of A. G. Benson, of the city of New York, for indemnity on account of losses sustained by him in attempting to obtain guano at the Lobos islands, under the promised protection of the United States government; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Banks: Four petitions of citizens of the State of Massachusetts, for the repeal of the duty on coal; which were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Bocock: The petition of Robert Mills, of Washington city, asking that an expedition be sent out to the Arctic seas, in search of Dr. E. K. Kane; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Orr: The petition of the widow of Simeon Knight—heretofore presented December 29, 1837; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House Executive communications, as follows, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting a list of the clerks and other persons employed in the State Department during the last year; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, submitting an additional estimate of appropriation asked for the Territory of Kansas; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

III. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and submitting estimates of appropriations for the objects therein alluded to; which

was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

IV. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a statement of the contingent expenses of the military establishment during the year 1854; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

V. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a statement of the expenses of the national armories, and of the arms and appendages made and repaired thereat, during the last fiscal year; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Notices were given, under the rule, of motions for leave to introduce bills, as follows, viz:

By Mr. May: A bill for continuing the improvements of the channel and navigation of the Patapsco river, Chesapeake bay, and part of the Atlantic coast.

By Mr. Willis Allen: A bill making provision to compensate agents for paying pensions and prescribing the time and manner of settling their accounts.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled, a bill of the following title, viz:

H. R. 471. An act for the relief of the administrator of Thomas Wishart; when

The Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Hunt, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be instructed to report to this House whether any, and if any, what, military defences are necessary at Proctor's Landing, at the terminus of the Mexican Gulf railway in Louisiana, for the protection of the country.

Mr. Walley, by unanimous consent, introduced bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 643. A bill making appropriation for continuing the sea-wall for the protection of Great Brewster island, in the harbor of Boston, Massachusetts; and

H. R. 644. A bill making appropriation for repairs of the sea-walls on Deer and Lowell's islands, in Boston harbor, Massachusetts; which bills were severally read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Smith Miller, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 645) making appropriations to continue the improvements of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 646) to incorporate the library of the Columbia Fire Company, of Washington city; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary; which was handed in at the Speaker's table.

Also, a message notifying the House that he did, on the 10th instant, approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 507. An act to incorporate the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of the District of Columbia; and

H. R. 547. An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the provisions of the act of Congress of 3d of March, 1851, and the second section of its supplement of 18th January, 1854, so as to enable the board of land commissioners in California to close their adjudications of private land titles in that State, and for other purposes.

And on the 12th instant, a bill of the following title, viz:

H. R. 524. An act for the benefit of Charles J. Porcher, acting purser of the sloop-of-war Falmouth.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed, without amendment, a bill of this House of the following title, viz:

H. R. 369. An act for indemnifying Moses D. Hogan for cattle destroyed by the Indians in 1842.

The Senate have passed a resolution and bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 33. A resolution respecting the Arctic expedition commanded by Passed Assistant Surgeon E. K. Kane;

S. 195. An act to authorize the sale of Rock island, in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes; and

S. 529. An act to incorporate St. Joseph's Male Orphan Asylum, in the District of Columbia;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Letcher, from the select committee appointed on the 10th of July last, and continued at the present session, in relation to the bill for the extension of Colt's patent, and other bills before Congress, submitted, as a question of privilege, a report calling the attention of the House to the facts heretofore reported in relation to the testimony of Mr. William B. Chace before the said committee, in July last, and also to the repeated subsequent ineffectual efforts of the said committee to induce the said Chace to appear before them and testify further.

After debate, and pending the consideration of the said report,

On motion of Mr. McDougall, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Orr reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the special order, viz: H. R. 295. A bill to provide for the establishment of a railroad and telegraphic communication between the Atlantic States and the Pacific ocean, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Hestor L. Stevens gave notice, under the rule, of his intention to move for leave to introduce a joint resolution to confirm certain land entries in the State of Michigan.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones, the rules having been suspended for that purpose,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 11 o'clock a. m., to-morrow.

Mr. Haven, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 647) to

provide for the navigation of St. Clair river, in the State of Michigan ; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Florence, at 9 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock a. m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1855.

The following petitions, memorial, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit :

By Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne : The petition of citizens of the State of Illinois for a mail-route from Galena, by way of Guilford, Thompson's Mills, and Rush, to Nixon, in said State.

By Mr. Eastman : The petition of citizens of the State of Wisconsin, for a mail-route from Madison to La Cross, in said State.

By Mr. Willis Allen : The petition of citizens of Crawford and Richland counties, in the State of Illinois, for a mail-route from Palestine to Clay, in said State.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. David Ritchie : The petition of Joseph C. G. Kennedy, for leave to print census statistics of manufactories ; which was referred to the Committee on Printing.

By Mr. Hamilton : The petition of Roderick Dorsey, of Frederick, Maryland, for compensation for services performed as sergeant-at-arms to the United States House of Representatives, for which he has never as yet received any pay ; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Dickinson : The memorial of the clerks employed at the armory at Springfield, Massachusetts, for increase of compensation ; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Whitfield : The petition of citizens of the Territory of Kansas, for a mail-route from Fort Leavenworth, by the way of Lawrence, Willow Springs, Pottawatomie, and Sugar Creek, to Fort Scott, in said Territory ;

Also the petition of citizens of the same, for a mail-route from the city of Weston, in Platt county, Missouri, to Atchison, in said Territory.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. McMullen : Additional papers in the case of Isaac Ayres ;

Also, the petition of Sarah Caho, widow of John Dedmore, a soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension.

Ordered, That said petitions and papers be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. McMullen : The petition of the heirs of Major William Edmiston, for compensation for the revolutionary services of their ancestor, and commutation pay ; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Walley : The petition of Charles M. Winship, of the State

of Massachusetts, for the extension of his patent "Lactéal" for feeding infants; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Florence: The petition of John Sadler, late a seaman, who became blind in consequence of exposure in the service of the country, for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Tappan Wentworth: The petition of William H. De Forrest, for compensation for powder destroyed at Point Arenas, by Capt. George N. Hollins; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Ingersoll: The petition of Paul Noyes, heretofore presented January 15, 1834; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Matteson: The petition of John Wilcox, for losses in the war of 1812.

By Mr. David Ritchie: The petition of Henry Jackson, for bounty land for services in the war with Mexico.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Matteson: The petition of the heir of John Wilcox, a lieutenant in the war of the Revolution, for remuneration for the services of his father in said war; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Wiley P. Harris: The petition of Henry Barrows and others, for a donation of land for the support of Hopewell Academy, in Smith county, Mississippi; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Caruthers: The petition of E. H. McCabe, for authority to locate on the public unsold lands of the United States, within the State of Missouri, in lieu of that which he was unjustly deprived of by failure of title, other lands; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Harrison: The petition of Clifford G. Wayne, M. Swasey, Charles C. Murdock, and others, owners of the steamboat "Franklin Pierce," to change its name to that of "Texana;" which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the following message, heretofore received from the President of the United States, viz:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit herewith a report of the Attorney General, with the accompanying documents, communicating the information required by the following resolution of the House of Representatives of the 28th ult:

"Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to this House any information possessed by him regarding a suit instituted in the Territory of Minnesota, by or in the name of the United States, against the Minnesota and Northwestern Railroad Company."

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, January 10, 1855.

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and printed.

The Speaker also, by unanimous consent, laid before the House a letter from the Clerk of the House of Representatives, transmitting a list of the clerks and other persons employed in his office during the last year; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (No. 195) entitled "An act to authorize the sale of Rock island, in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes," was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne, the title of the said bill was amended, so as to read "An act for the relief of David B. Sears;" and as amended the said title was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendment.

Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have postponed indefinitely a bill of this House of the following title, viz:

H. R. 96. An act making appropriations for the transportation of the United States mail by ocean steamers, and otherwise, during the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1855.

The Senate have passed bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

S. 534. An act to amend "An act to establish a land district in the State of Florida, to be called the district of Tampa;"

S. 544. An act for the relief of Mary Felch, widow of Reverend Cheever Felch, deceased; and

S. Res. 32. A resolution providing for the engraving, lithographing, and publishing of drawings, maps, charts, or other papers for Congress.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did, on the 12th instant, approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 31. An act for the relief of Francis B. Stockton.

S. 72. An act for the relief of the heirs and representatives of Uriah Prewitt, deceased.

S. 102. An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of William Weeks.

S. 182. An act for the relief of Thomas Butler.

S. 191. An act for the relief of Thomas B. Parsons.

S. 233. An act for the relief of Susan Coody and others.

S. 251. An act authorizing the legal representatives of Antoine Vasquez, Hypolite Vasquez, Joseph Vasquez, and John Colligan, to enter certain lands in Missouri.

S. 276. An act for the relief of Mrs. Ann W. Angus.

S. 301. An act for the relief of the representatives of Thomas D. Anderson, deceased, late consul at Tripoli.

S. 306. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of James Erwin, of Arkansas, and others.

S. 334. An act for the relief of François Cousin.

S. 401. An act for the relief of William Duer.

S. 531. An act for the relief of C. E. Greneaux.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Breckenridge, by unanimous consent, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 96) entitled "An act to provide for the payment of such creditors of the late republic of Texas as are comprehended in the act of Congress of September 9, 1850," reported the same with sundry amendments.

Pending the question on agreeing to the said amendments,

Mr. George W. Smyth submitted an amendment in the nature of a substitute for the said bill.

Ordered, That the said bill and pending amendments be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and, together with the accompanying papers, printed.

Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent, presented a letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in relation to the claim of "J. K. Rogers, for himself and the Cherokees in States east of the Mississippi river," for additional per capita claimed to be due them by express provisions of the treaties of 1835-'36, and 1846; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wade, by unanimous consent, introduced bills of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 648. A bill making an appropriation for continuing the improvements at the harbor of Cleveland, in the State of Ohio;

H. R. 649. A bill making an appropriation for continuing the improvements on the harbor at the mouth of Grand river, in the State of Ohio;

which bills were severally read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Etheridge, by unanimous consent, presented the memorial of Joseph Mitchell and others, commissioners appointed by the general assembly of the State of Tennessee, asking an appropriation to aid in leveeing the east bank of the Mississippi river, from Hickman, in the State of Kentucky, to the mouth of Obion river, in the State of Tennessee; which was referred to a select committee of five members.

The Speaker thereupon appointed Mr. Etheridge, of Tennessee; Mr. Warren, of Arkansas; Mr. Grey, of Kentucky; Mr. Willis Allen, of Illinois; and Mr. Caruthers, of Missouri, the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Richard H. Stanton, by unanimous consent, the resolution of the Senate (No. 32) entitled "A resolution providing for the engraving, lithographing, and publishing of drawings, maps, charts, or other papers for Congress," was taken from the Speaker's table and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said resolution be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Richard H. Stanton moved that the vote by which the said reso-

lution was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table ; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. John L. Taylor, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 650) allowing the further time of two years to those holding lands by entries in the Virginia military district in Ohio, which were made prior to 1st January, 1862, to have the same surveyed and patented ; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Edmands, by unanimous consent, introduced a joint resolution (No. 44) to pay the pension due James Capen to his administrator ; which was read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

On motion of Mr. Bennett, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Timothy Sabin, for the purpose of reference to one of the executive departments.

The said papers were thereupon delivered to Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Shannon, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel A. Belden & Co., made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 651) for their relief ; which bill was read a first and second time.

After debate, and pending the question on its engrossment,

Mr. Skelton moved that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Pending which,

Mr. Skelton moved that the bill be laid on the table ; which motion was disagreed to.

The question then recurred on the motion to commit,

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Orr, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union ; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Orr reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the special order, viz : H. R. 295. A bill to provide for the establishment of a railroad and telegraphic communication between the Atlantic States and the Pacific ocean, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the amendment of this House to the bill of the Senate (No. 195) entitled " An act to authorize the sale of Rock island, in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes."

And then he withdrew.

Notices were given, under the rule, of motions for leave to introduce bills as follows, viz :

By Mr. Napoleon B. Giddings: A bill to establish land offices in Nebraska Territory.

By Mr. Lindsley: A bill for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Vermillion, in the State of Ohio;

Also, a bill for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Huron, in the State of Ohio; and

A bill for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Sandusky, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Pennington: A bill for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Newark and Passaic river, below the city of Newark, New Jersey.

By Mr. Hendricks: A bill for the relief of the assignee of bounty land warrant No. 27,849, issued to William Phillips and Sarah Conner.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Warren, at 3 o'clock and 11 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1855.

The following petitions and memorial were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Hamilton: The petition of William Dunlap V. Heard, of Washington county, Maryland, for compensation for property of his grandfather, General Nathaniel Heard, destroyed by the British during the war of the Revolution; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Clingman: The petition of the heirs and legal representatives of Dorset Woods, for authority to locate 160 acres of land, in lieu of that quantity granted them and located in the State of Arkansas, which has proved to be worthless; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Carpenter: Two petitions of citizens of the State of New York, who served during the war of 1812, that they be placed upon the pension rolls of the United States, upon the same footing with the soldiers of the war of the Revolution; which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Rogers: The petition of Lieutenant Edward Cantwell heretofore presented March 16, 1852; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Chandler: The petition of Gales and Seaton, that they be authorized to continue the preparation and publication of the Annals of Congress, so as to complete the history of the country to the time of the commencement of the publication of the Congressional Globe; which was referred to the Committee on the Library of Congress.

By Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne: The petition of citizens of Carroll county, Illinois, who served as soldiers in the war of 1812, for bounty land and pensions; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Morgan: Four petitions of citizens of the State of New York, for 160 acres of bounty land to each soldier who served in the war of 1812, without regard to length of service.

By Mr. May: The petition of citizens of the State of Maryland, employed and interested as masters, captains, &c., of vessels, for a modification of the laws for the government of the crews of vessels of the United States, so as to provide for a more efficient discipline; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. May: The petition of Elizabeth Simpson, of the State of Maryland, widow of John Simpson, for a pension and bounty land, on account of the services of her husband in the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions;

Also, the memorial of the employés of the Mexican boundary commission under Hon. John R. Bartlett, for payment for their services; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Pringle: The petition of Horace Lane, for a pension, on account of his naval services to the United States.

By Mr. Lilly: The petition of Susan Arrowsmith, widow of Major John T. Arrowsmith, for an amendment of the pension laws, so as to place the widows of those killed in the naval service of the United States upon the same footing with those whose husbands were killed in the military service.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House a communication from the Hon. Rufus Choate, resigning his office as one of the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The said communication having been read,

Mr. Meacham submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the letter of Hon. Rufus Choate, resigning his place as Regent of the Smithsonian Institution, be referred to a select committee of five, and printed; and that said committee be directed to inquire and report to this House whether the Smithsonian Institution has been managed and its funds expended in accordance with the law establishing the Institution; and whether any additional legislation be necessary to carry out the designs of its founders; and that said committee have power to send for persons and papers.

Pending which,

Mr. Meacham moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. English moved that the said resolution and letter be laid on the table.

And the question being put on the latter motion,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 81
Nays..... 84

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
Thomas H. Bayly
William Barkadale
Peter H. Bell
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge

Mr. Samuel A. Bridges
Samuel Caruthers
John S. Caskie
Joseph R. Chandler
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Alfred H. Colquitt

Mr. Burton Craige
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
David T. Dianey
Augustus Drum
William Dunbar
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton

Mr. Henry A. Edmundson
John M. Elliott
William H. English
William Everhart
Charles J. Faulkner
John R. Franklin
William O. Goode
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
William T. Hamilton
Sampson W. Harris
Thomas A. Hendricks
Junius Hillyer
George S. Houston
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr

Mr. William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
Milton S. Latham
Moses Macdonald
Orsamus B. Matteson
Augustus E. Maxwell
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
Matthias H. Nichols
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Bishop Perkins
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Benjamin Pringle
David A. Reese
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.

Mr. Sion H. Rogers
Thomas Ruffin
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
Charles Skelton
George W. Smyth
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Andrew Stuart
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Michael C. Trout
Joshua Vansant
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Edward A. Warren

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Appleton
David J. Bailey
Edward Ball
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
George W. Chase
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Francis B. Cutting
Thomas Davis
Edward Dickinson
Andrew Ellison
E. Wilder Farley
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas J. D. Fuller
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Ben Edwards Grey

Mr. Galusha A. Grow
Aaron Harlan
Wiley P. Harris
John Scott Harrison
Solomon G. Haven
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Harvey H. Johnson
George W. Kittredge
James Knox
John Letcher
Samuel Lilly
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindsley
James A. McDougall
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
James Maurice
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
William Murray
Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver

Mr. Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
James T. Pratt
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David Ritchie
Peter Rowe
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
George A. Simmons
Samuel A. Smith
William R. Smith
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Nathan T. Stratton
Benjamin B. Thurston
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
Theodoric R. Westbrook
John Wheeler
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the motion to lay upon the table was disagreed to.

The question then recurring on the demand for the previous question, it was seconded, and the main question ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the said resolution?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 93
Nays..... 85

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Appleton
David J. Bailey
Edward Ball

Mr. Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Francis M. Bristow

Mr. Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain

Mr. George W. Chase
 Samuel Clark
 John P. Cook
 Moses B. Corwin
 Samuel L. Crocker
 William Cullom
 Carlton B. Curtis
 Francis B. Cutting
 Thomas Davis
 John L. Dawson
 Alexander De Witt
 Edward Dickinson
 Ben C. Eastman
 Alfred P. Edgerton
 J. Wiley Edmands
 Andrew Ellison
 Emerson Etheridge
 E. Wilder Farley
 Reuben E. Fenton
 Thomas T. Flagler
 Thomas J. D. Fuller
 John Z. Goodrich
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Galusha A. Grow
 Aaron Harlan
 Wiley P. Harris
 Solomon G. Haven

Mr. Bernhart Henn
 Isaac E. Hiester
 Clement S. Hill
 Charles Hughes
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Harvey H. Johnson
 George W. Kittredge
 James Knox
 Milton S. Latham
 John Letcher
 Samuel Lilly
 James J. Lindley
 William D. Lindsley
 James A. McDougall
 Daniel Mace
 John B. Macy
 Orasmus B. Matteson
 James Maurice
 Samuel Mayall
 James Meacham
 Ner Middlewarth
 William Murray
 Jesse O. Norton
 Andrew Oliver
 Samuel W. Parker
 Jared V. Peck
 John Perkins, jr.

Mr. James T. Pratt
 William Preston
 Richard C. Puryear
 Charles Ready
 David Ritchie
 Peter Rowe
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 William R. Sapp
 George A. Simmons
 Otho R. Singleton
 William R. Smith
 Richard H. Stanton
 Hester L. Stevens
 Nathan T. Stratton
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Charles W. Upham
 Edward Wade
 Mike Walsh
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 Daniels Wells, jr.
 Tappan Wentworth
 Theodor R. Westbrook
 John Wheeler
 Richard Yates
 Felix K. Zollcoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken
 James C. Allen
 Willis Allen
 Nathan Belcher
 Thomas S. Bocoock
 William W. Boyce
 John C. Breckinridge
 Samuel A. Bridges
 Samuel Caruthers
 John S. Caskie
 Joseph R. Chandler
 Elijah W. Chastain
 James S. Chrisman
 Thomas L. Clingman
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 Alfred H. Colquitt
 Leander M. Cox
 Burton Craige
 John G. Davis
 William Dunbar
 Norman Eddy
 Henry A. Edmundson
 William H. English
 William Everhart
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Thomas B. Florence
 John R. Franklin
 William O. Goode
 Alfred B. Greenwood

Mr. Ben Edwards Grey
 William T. Hamilton
 John Scott Harrison
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Junius Hillyer
 George S. Houston
 Colin M. Ingersoll
 George W. Jones
 J. Glancy Jones
 Roland Jones
 Lawrence M. Keitt
 John Kerr
 William H. Kurtz
 Alfred W. Lamb
 Moses Macdonald
 Fayette McMullen
 John McQueen
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 Smith Miller
 John S. Millson
 Edwin B. Morgan
 Matthias H. Nichols
 Edison B. Olds
 Mordecai Oliver
 James L. Orr
 Asa Packer
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 Bishop Perkins

Mr. John S. Phelps
 Paulus Powell
 Benjamin Pringle
 David A. Reese
 William A. Richardson
 Thomas Ritchey
 John Robbins, jr.
 Sion H. Rogers
 Thomas Ruffin
 Russell Sage
 James L. Seward
 Wilson Shannon
 Henry M. Shaw
 Jacob Shower
 Charles Skelton
 Samuel A. Smith
 George W. Smyth
 Augustus R. Sollers
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Christian M. Straub
 Andrew Stuart
 John J. Taylor
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Michael C. Trout
 Joshua Vansant
 William A. Walker.

So the said resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Meacham moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

And the question being put on the latter motion,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 94
 { Nays 82

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
James C. Allen
William Appleton
David J. Bailey
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barkedale
William S. Barry
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
George W. Chase
Samuel Clark
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmands
Andrew Ellison
Emerson Etheridge
E. Wilder Farley
Reuben E. Fen'ou
Thomas T. Flagler

Mr. Thomas J. D. Fuller
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Galusha A. Grow
Aaron Harlan
Sampson W. Harris
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George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Bernhart Henn
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Harvey H. Johnson
George W. Kittredge
James Knox
Milton S. Latham
John Letcher
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindsley
James A. McDougall
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
William Murray
David A. Noble

Mr. Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Bishop Perkins
John Perkins, jr.
James T. Pratt
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David Ritchie
Peter Rowe
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
George A. Simmons
Otho R. Singleton
William B. Smith
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Nathan T. Stratton
Benjamin B. Thurston
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
Elliott B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
Theodorie R. Westbrook
John Wheeler
Richard Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Willis Allen
Thomas H. Bayly
Nathan Belcher
Peter H. Bell
Thomas S. Boccock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
John S. Caskie
Joseph R. Chandler
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Alfred H. Colquitt
Burton Craige
John G. Davis
Augustus Drum
William Dunbar
Norman Eddy
Henry A. Edmundson
John M. Elliott
William H. English
William Everhart
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas B. Florence
John R. Franklin
William O. Goede
Alfred B. Greenwood

Mr. Ben Edwards Grey
William T. Hamilton
John Scott Harrison
Thomas A. Hendricks
Junius Hillyer
Colin M. Ingersoll
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
Charles S. Lewis
Moses Macdonald
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
Augustus E. Maxwell
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
Matthias H. Nichols
Edson B. Olds
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
Alex. C. M. Pennington
John S. Phelps

Mr. Benjamin Pringle
David A. Reese
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Sion H. Rogers
Thomas Ruffin
Russell Sage
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
Charles Skelton
Samuel A. Smith
William Smith
George W. Smyth
Frederick P. Stanton
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Michael C. Trout
Joshua Vansant
William A. Walker
Mike Walsh
Edward A. Warren
William H. Witte.

So the motion to reconsider the vote by which the said resolution was agreed to was laid on the table.

And the Speaker thereupon appointed Mr. Upham, of Massachusetts, Mr. Witte, of Pennsylvania, Mr. N. G. Taylor, of Tennessee, Mr. Wells, of Wisconsin, and Mr. Puryear, of North Carolina, the committee under the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. George W. Smyth, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (No. 266) entitled "An act for the relief of Almanzon Huston," was taken up, and re-referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Upham, by unanimous consent, introduced bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 652. A bill for the preservation of the harbor of Lynn, in the State of Massachusetts;

H. R. 653. A bill providing for the resurvey of the harbor of Rockport, in the State of Massachusetts;

H. R. 654. A bill providing for a resurvey of the harbor of Annisquam, in the State of Massachusetts;

H. R. 655. A bill for the preservation of the harbor of Marblehead, in the State of Massachusetts;

which bills were severally read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary; which was handed in at the Speaker's table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 174. An act to provide for the construction of a suitable building for the accommodation of the district court of the United States at Key West, in the State of Florida;

S. 547. An act for the relief of James Pool;

S. 635. An act to authorize the enlargement of the General Post Office building;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Notices were given, under the rule, of motions for leave to introduce bills as follows, viz:

By Mr. Napoleon B. Giddings: A bill to have surveyed, marked out, and opened, roads in the Territory of Nebraska.

By Mr. Farley: A bill for continuing the construction of a break-water at Rockland harbor, Maine.

The House then resumed, as the regular order of business, the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 651) for the relief of Samuel A. Belden and Company, reported yesterday from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, by unanimous consent; the pending question being on the motion of Mr. Skelton to commit the same to a Committee of the Whole House.

After debate, and pending the said question,

On motion of Mr. Millson, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some

time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Orr reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the special order, viz: H. R. 295. A bill to provide for the establishment of a railroad and telegraphic communication between the Atlantic States and the Pacific ocean, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of the heirs of Colonel J. Stewart, for the purpose of reference in the Senate.

The said papers were thereupon delivered to Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Aiken, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (H. R. 656) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a register to the barque Martha; which was read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Carpenter, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 657) for the repair and improvement of the piers at the mouth of the Genesee river, New York; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

And then,

On motion of James C. Allen, at 3 o'clock and 35 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1855.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Nichols: The petition of John Ream and other citizens of the State of Ohio, for a mail-route from Logansville, in Logan county, via Hugh T. Rinehart's, in Auglaize county, and Amherst, in Allen county, to Lima, in said State.

By Mr. Singleton: The petition of citizens of Leake and Attala counties, Mississippi, for a mail-route from Edinburgh to Kosciusko, by way of Yorka and Centreville, in said State.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Wheeler: The petition of James Harrison, an invalid soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Nichols: The petition of Thalia Porter, daughter of John Tharp, a soldier of the war of the Revolution, for commutation pay; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Fuller: The memorial of the American Geographical and Historical Society of the State of New York, that a vessel may be sent, to the relief of Dr. Kane and his crew, to the Arctic seas; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Fenton: Three petitions of citizens of the State of New York, against the extension of Woodworth's patent; which were referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Mace: The memorial of the yearly meeting of the anti-slavery Friends, held at New Port, Wayne county, Indiana, on the 28th September, 1854, for the repeal of the fugitive slave law; for the restoration of the Missouri compromise act; for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia; prohibiting it in all the Territories of the United States; to interdict the coastwise slave trade; and to prevent the admission of any more slave States into the Union; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Goodwin: The petition of citizens of Oswego county, New York, that the provisions of the bounty land laws be extended to the widows of the soldiers of the war of 1812, whether still remaining widows or having again married.

By Mr. Banks: The petition of citizens of the State of Massachusetts, for the repeal of the duty on coal; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Macdonald: The petition of citizens of Portland, Maine, for aid on behalf of exhibitors at the World's Fair at Paris, France; which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

By Mr. Banks: Additional papers in the case of Holmes & Pedrick; which were referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Eddy gave notice, under the rule, of his intention to move for leave to introduce a bill for the relief of D. B. Myers.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the following message heretofore received from the President of the United States, viz:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith a letter of the Secretary of War upon the subject of Indian hostilities. The employment of volunteer troops, as suggested by the Secretary, seems to afford the only practicable means of providing for the present emergency.

There is much reason to believe that other cases, similar in character to those particularly referred to in the accompanying papers, will at an early day require vigorous measures and the exhibition of a strong military force. The proposed temporary provision to meet a special demand, so far from obviating, in my judgment only serves to illustrate the urgent necessity of an increase of the regular army, at least to the extent recommended in my late annual message. Unless by the plan proposed, or some other equally effective, a force can be early brought into the field adequate to the suppression of existing hostilities, the combination of predatory bands will be extended, and the difficulty of restoring order and security greatly magnified. On the other hand, without a permanent military force of sufficient strength to control the unfriendly Indians, it may be expected that hostilities will soon be renewed and that years of border warfare will afflict the country, retarding the progress of settlement, exposing emigrant trains to savage barbarities, and consuming millions of the public money.

The state of things made known in various letters recently received

at the War Department, extracts from a portion of which are herewith enclosed, is calculated to augment the deep solicitude which this matter has for some time past awakened, and which has been earnestly expressed in previous messages and in the annual reports of the Secretary of War.

I respectfully submit that the facts now communicated urgently call for immediate action on the part of Congress.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, *January 16, 1855.*

The same having been read,

On motion of Mr. Faulkner,

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying papers be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and printed.

The Speaker also laid before the House the following executive communications, viz :

I. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, submitting estimates and accompanying papers for additional appropriations for the mint and branch at San Francisco, California, for the current fiscal year ; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting his annual statement of the clerks and other persons employed in the Navy Department during the past year ; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent, presented a letter and accompanying papers from the Secretary of the Treasury to the Committee of Ways and Means, in regard to the necessity of certain repairs of the United States branch mint at Charlotte, North Carolina ; which were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, a bill of the following title, viz :

H. R. 369. An act for indemnifying Moses D. Hogan for cattle destroyed by the Indians in 1842 ; when

The Speaker signed the same.

Mr. De Witt, from the same committee, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, a bill and resolution of the following titles, viz :

S. 195. An act for the relief of David B. Sears ; and

S. Res. 32. A resolution providing for the engraving, lithographing, and publishing of drawings, maps, charts, or other papers, for Congress ; when

The Speaker signed the same.

On motion of Mr. Warren, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the House (No. 217) to amend an act entitled "An act to enable the State of Arkansas and other States to reclaim the swamp lands within their limits," and that the same be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Warren, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the following petitions, viz: of citizens of Tennessee, New York, Maryland, New Hampshire, and Ohio, praying for bounty land pensions to the soldiers and officers of the war of 1812; of the commissioners appointed by the State of Tennessee, in favor of leveeing the Mississippi; of citizens of Philadelphia, in favor of granting 160 acres of land to all the persons included in the act of 1850, and also to seamen and marines; and of Samuel Miles, of Clay county, Indiana; and that the same be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Macdonald, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the House insist on their amendment, disagreed to by the Senate, to the bill of the Senate (No. 30) entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Marston Taylor," and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Walley, and Mr. Letcher, be the said committee on the part of the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Phelps, by unanimous consent, presented letters and accompanying papers from the Secretary of the Navy to the Committee of Ways and Means, submitting additional estimates of appropriations for the Bureau of Yards and Docks; which were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stratton, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the erection of a suitable building for a custom-house and post office in the city of Camden, New Jersey.

Mr. Letcher moved that the vote by which the said resolution was agreed to be reconsidered.

The said motion being passed over for the present,

The House resumed the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 651) for the relief of Samuel A. Belden & Co., heretofore reported from the Committee on Foreign Affairs; the pending question being on the motion of Mr. Skelton to commit the same to a Committee of the Whole House.

After debate,

Mr. Millson moved the previous question.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Orr, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Orr reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House No. 295, a bill to provide for the establishment of a railroad and telegraphic communication between the Atlantic States and the Pacific ocean, and for other purposes, had directed him to report the same, with a recommendation that the enacting words of the bill be stricken out.

The Speaker having stated the question to be on agreeing to the said report of the committee;

After debate,
Mr. McDougall moved the previous question.
Pending which,
Mr. Letcher moved that the bill be laid on the table.
And the question being put on the latter motion,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 54
Nays..... 126

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
Thomas H. Bayly
Nathan Belcher
Thomas H. Benton
Thomas S. Bucock
William W. Boyce
Samuel A. Bridges
John S. Caahie
Elijah W. Chastain
Alfred H. Colquitt
Carlton B. Curtis
William Everhart
John R. Franklin
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
William O. Goode
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton

Mr. Aaron Harlan
Sampson W. Harris
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
Zedekiah Kidwell
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
John McCulloch
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
Henry May
John S. Millson

Mr. William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
Andrew Oliver
James L. Orr
Bishop Perkins
Paulus Powell
Richard C. Puryear
David A. Reese
Thomas Ruffin
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Showers
Charles Skelton
William Smith
Nathan T. Stratton
Michael C. Trout
Joshua Vaneant
John Wheeler
William H. Witte.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
David J. Bailey
Edward Ball
William Barkedale
William S. Barry
Peter H. Bell
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
George Bias
John C. Breckinridge
Francis M. Bristow
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
George W. Chase
Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
Thomas W. Cumming
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
Augustus Drum
William Dunbar

Mr. Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmunds
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
Emerson Etheridge
E. Wilder Farley
Charles J. Faulkner
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
John Scott Harrison
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Isaac E. Hiestor
Clement S. Hill
Junius Hillyer
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Harvey H. Johnson
Roland Jones
James Knox
Alfred W. Lamb
Milton S. Latham
Samuel Lilly

Mr. James J. Lindley
William D. Lindaley
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Orasmus B. Matteson
James Mastrico
Augustus E. Maxwell
James Meacham
Ner Middlewarth
Smith Miller
Edwin B. Morgan
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle
Charles Ready
George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
Wilson Shannon
George A. Simmons
Otho R. Singleton

Mr. Samuel A. Smith
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Christian M. Straub
David Stuart
John J. Taylor

Mr. John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Charles W. Upham
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren

Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodorick R. Westbrook
Daniel B. Wright
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the House refused to lay the bill on the table.

The question then recurring on the demand for the previous question, it was seconded; and the main question ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the report of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union?

And it was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 59
Nays 117

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
David J. Bailey
Thomas H. Bayly
Nathan Belcher
Thomas S. Bocoek
Samuel A. Bridges
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
Alfred H. Colquitt
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John R. Franklin
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William O. Goode
Galusha A. Grow
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Mr. Aaron Harlan
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Harry Hibbard
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George S. Houston
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John Kerr
Zedekiah Kidwell
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
John McCulloch
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
James Maurice
Henry May
John S. Millaon

Mr. William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
Andrew Oliver
James L. Orr
Jared V. Peck
Bishop Perkins
Paulus Powell
Richard C. Puryear
David A. Reese
Thomas Ruffin
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
Charles Skelton
William Smith
Nathan T. Stratton
Michael C. Trout
Joshua Vansant
John Wheeler
William H. Witte

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willie Allen
William Appleton
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Peter H. Bell
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas H. Benton
George Bliss
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
George W. Chase
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John P. Cook

Mr. Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
William Cullom
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
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Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas B. Florence
Joshua R. Giddings

Mr. John Z. Goodrich
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
John Scott Harrison
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Isaac E. Hiester
Junius Hillyer
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Harvey H. Johnson
Roland Jones
James Knox
Alfred W. Lamb
Milton S. Latham
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindsey

Mr. Moses Macdonald
 James A. McDougall
 Daniel Mace
 John B. Macy
 Orasmus B. Matteson
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 James Meacham
 Ner Middlewarth
 Smith Miller
 Edwin B. Morgan
 Jesse O. Norton
 Mordecai Oliver
 Samuel W. Parker
 John Perkins, jr.
 John S. Phelps
 William Preston
 Benjamin Pringle
 Charles Ready
 George Read Riddle

Mr. David Ritchie
 John Robbins, jr.
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 William R. Sapp
 James L. Seward
 George A. Simmons
 Otho R. Singleton
 Samuel A. Smith
 William R. Smith
 George W. Smyth
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Richard H. Stanton
 Hester L. Stevens
 Christian M. Straub
 Andrew Stuart
 David Stuart
 John J. Taylor

Mr. John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Charles W. Upham
 Edward Wade
 Hiram Walbridge
 William A. Walker
 Samuel H. Walley
 Edward A. Warren
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 John Wentworth
 Tappan Westworth
 Theodoris R. Westbrook
 Daniel B. Wright
 Richard Yates
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the House refused to strike out the enacting words of the bill.
 The question then recurring on the engrossment of the bill,
 Mr. McDougall submitted an amendment in the nature of a substitute therefor.

Pending which,

Mr. McDougall moved that the bill and pending amendment be re-committed to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, at 3 o'clock p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1855.

The following petitions, memorial, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Roland Jones: The petition of citizens of the parish of Bossier, Louisiana, for the establishment of a mail-route from Bellevue, in said State, to Maguolia, in the State of Louisiana; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Cox: The petition of John James, of the State of Kentucky, for bounty land on account of his military services to the United States during the Indian wars.

By Mr. Chandler: The petition of John Huffington, for compensation for property destroyed by the British in 1814; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Hibbard: The petition of Thomas Brocklebank, of Plainfield, New Hampshire, for an amendment of the bounty land law of 1850, so as to grant 160 acres of land to each soldier, without regard to length of service;

Also, the petition of Samuel B. Duncan, of Plainfield, New Hampshire, of like import with the foregoing;

Also, the petition of David Fifield, of New Hampshire, of like import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Etheridge: The petition of James Hughes, of Madison county, Tennessee, for compensation for clothing furnished a company of volunteers in the Seminole war.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Preston: The proceedings of a meeting composed of owners, masters, pilots, and engineers of steamboats, in relation to the action of the supervising inspectors in substituting steam-whistles for bells, and asking Congress to take action thereon; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. McMullen: The petition of Elizabeth Snead, widow of Sergeant Armstrong Beaty, for bounty land for the services of her deceased husband in the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Caruthers: The petition of Sarah Murphy, widow of Joseph Murphy, a revolutionary pensioner, for arrears of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. ———: The memorial of the governor, state officers, president of the Senate, speaker of the House of Representatives, and members of both branches of the assembly of the State of New York, that an expedition be sent, in search of Dr. Kane and associates, to the Arctic seas; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Andrew Oliver: The petition of Madison Mills, of New York, against the passage of any law granting privileges to speculators over actual settlers in the public lands; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Andrew Stuart: The petition of Thomas Brownell, for a continuation of his pension—heretofore presented in the Senate March 3, 1846; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the 16th instant, present to the President of the United States a bill of the following title, viz:

H. R. 471. An act for the relief of the administrator of Thomas Wishart;

and, on this day, bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

S. 195. An act for the relief of David B. Sears.

S. Res. 32. A resolution providing for the engraving, lithographing, and publishing of drawings, maps, charts, or other papers, for Congress.

H. R. 369. An act for indemnifying Moses D. Hogan for cattle destroyed by the Indians, in 1842.

On motion of Mr. Clark, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Zera Whitney, for the purpose of reference in the Senate.

The papers in the said case were thereupon delivered to Mr. Clark.

Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent, presented a letter from the Secretary of the Navy to the Committee of Ways and Means, submitting an estimate of the amount required to meet the payments due and to accrue during the remainder of the present fiscal year on account of steam mail service; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 246. An act for the relief of the children and heirs of Major General Baron De Kalb;

H. R. 389. An act for the relief of Sylvester Humphrey, and the heirs of Alexander Humphrey, deceased—
severally without amendment.

The Senate have also passed bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 532. An act to remit certain penalties in favor of passenger vessels;

S. 554. An act to authorize the issue of a register to the barque Foundling, of Boston; and

S. 555. An act to authorize the issue of a register to the barque Colonist, by the name of the Lily;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Craige gave notice, under the rule, of his intention to move for leave to introduce a bill to amend the act of 1846, levying duties on imports, by repealing such parts of said act as impose duties on iron, sugar, and salt, and by permitting said articles to be admitted free of duty.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary; which was handed in at the Speaker's table;

Also, a message notifying the House that he did, on the 18th instant, approve and sign a bill of the following title, viz:

H. R. 273. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Colonel John H. Stone;

and, this day, bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 369. An act for indemnifying Moses D. Hogan for cattle destroyed by the Indians, in 1842; and

H. R. 471. An act for the relief of the administrator of Thomas Wishart.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 246. An act for the relief of the children and heirs of Major General Baron De Kalb;

H. R. 389. An act for the relief of Sylvester Humphrey, and the heirs of Alexander Humphrey, deceased; when

The Speaker signed the same.

Notices were given, under the rule, of motions for leave to introduce bills and a resolution as follows, viz:

By Mr. Phelps: A bill to amend the pre-emption act of 1853.

By Mr. Smith Miller: A bill for the relief of R. A. Clements, administrator of James A. Mullican;

Also, a bill for the relief of Thomas B. Graham;

Also, a joint resolution providing for an adjustment of the accounts of John Wise, Samuel Wise, and William J. Wise.

The House then resumed the consideration of the bill of the House

(No. 295) to provide for the establishment of a railroad and telegraphic communication between the Atlantic States and the Pacific ocean, and for other purposes, the pending question being on the motion of Mr. McDougall to recommit the same, together with the pending amendment thereto.

After debate, Mr. McDougall having withdrawn his said motion to commit,

The Speaker stated the question to be on agreeing to the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) heretofore submitted by Mr. McDougall.

Pending which,

Mr. John G. Davis moved to amend the said amendment, by striking out of the first section thereof the following, viz:

"One road and telegraph, to commence on the western border of the State of Texas, and to pursue the most eligible route to the navigable waters of the Pacific in the State of California; which line shall be known as the southern Pacific railroad.

"One road and telegraph, to commence on the western border of the State of Missouri or Iowa, and to pursue the most eligible route to the bay of San Francisco; which line shall be known as the central Pacific railroad.

"And one road and telegraph, to commence on the western border of the State of Wisconsin, in the Territory of Minnesota, and pursue the most eligible route to the navigable waters of the Pacific, in Oregon or Washington Territories; which line shall be known as the northern Pacific railroad."

And inserting in lieu thereof the following:

One grand trunk central railroad, to be constructed from some point on the western boundary of the State of Arkansas, Missouri, or Iowa, between the 36th and 43d degrees of north latitude, on the nearest and most practicable route to the city of San Francisco, on the Pacific ocean, and two branch railroads, diverging from said central road, at or near the 103d degree of west longitude; from thence through the territories of the United States in the direction of the city of Memphis, in the State of Tennessee; and one diverging from the said central road at or near the point aforesaid, and running through the territories of the United States, to the most eligible point on the western shore of Lake Superior.

After further debate, and pending the question on the said amendment to the amendment,

Mr. John G. Davis moved the previous question, and the House refused to second the same.

The question again recurring on the amendment to the amendment,

Mr. John L. Taylor moved that the said bill and the pending amendments be referred to a select committee of thirteen members.

Pending which,

Mr. Chamberlain moved to amend the said motion by striking out the word "thirteen," and inserting the words "thirty-one" in lieu thereof.

After further debate,

Mr. Campbell moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. Seward moved, at 3 o'clock and 8 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

The question then recurring on the demand for the previous question, The House refused to second the same.

The question then recurring on the amendment of Mr. Chamberlain, After further debate,

Mr. McDougall moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the amendment submitted by Mr. Chamberlain was disagreed to.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. John L. Taylor, to refer the bill and pending amendments to a select committee of thirteen members.

Pending which, the yeas and nays having been ordered thereon,

On motion of Mr. Ingersoll, at 3 o'clock and 30 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1855.

The following petitions, memorial, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. David Ritchie: The petition of Martha Phillips, mother and heir of William A. Phillips, who was killed while in the military service of the United States during the war with Mexico, at Puebla, for a pension or bounty land; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Middleswarth: The petition of citizens of Dauphin county, in the State of Pennsylvania, against the renewal of the patents granted to H. Moore and J. Hascall, Obed Hussey and Cyrus H. McCormick, for improvements in mowing and reaping machines; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Wade: the petition of Fanny Truax, widow of John B. Truax, a soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension.

By Mr. William Smith: The petition of Benjamin Calvin, a soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension.

By Mr. John Wentworth: The petition of Samuel S. Bingham, of Lansing, New York—heretofore presented May 24, 1852.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. May: The petition of Samuel Hanson, of Washington city, a soldier of the war of 1812, for bounty land; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Also, the memorial of the vestry of Washington parish, proposing to sell to the United States an additional number of burial sites in the Congressional burial ground; which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Disney: The petition of Jacob Rodolph, an invalid soldier of the war of 1812, for bounty land; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Breckinridge: The petition of Lois Foster, only surviving daughter of Moses W. Hunt, late of Kentucky, deceased, who, at the

time of his death, was an invalid pensioner of the war of 1812, for arrears of pension due her said father.

By Mr. John Wentworth: The petition of the soldiers of the war of 1812, residing in the State of Illinois, for pension and bounty land.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Banks: The petition of John C. Finckel, only surviving son of Dr. Philip M. Finckel, for compensation for the services of his father as assistant surgeon in the war of the Revolution; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Latham: Additional papers in the claim of Isaac Swain; which were referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Morgan: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, for the construction of a light-house at Fair Haven, in said State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Fenton: The petition of citizens of Chautauque county, New York, against the extension or renewal of the Woodworth patent; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

On motion of Mr. Walley, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (No. 554) entitled "An act to authorize the issue of a register to the barque Foundling, of Boston," was taken from the Speaker's table and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the following message received yesterday from the President of the United States, viz:

To the House of Representatives:

In further compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 27th of July last, upon the subject of the case of Walter M. Gibson, I transmit a report from the Secretary of State.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, January 19, 1855.

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and printed.

Mr. Napoleon B. Giddings, by unanimous consent, introduced bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 658. A bill to establish land offices in Nebraska Territory;

H. R. 659. A bill to authorize the surveying, marking, and opening roads in Nebraska Territory;
which bills were severally read a first and second time, and referred as follows, viz:

H. R. 658, to the Committee on Public Lands;

H. R. 659, to the Committee on Territories.

Mr. Mordecai Oliver, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 660) to amend an act approved the 4th of August, 1854, entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators," and to legalize certain entries made under

said act; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Fuller, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (H. R. 661) to amend "An act to carry into effect a treaty between the United States and Great Britain," signed on the 5th of June, 1854, and approved August 5, 1854; which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and, together with the accompanying papers, ordered to be printed.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed without amendment, a bill of this House of the following title, viz:

H. R. 656. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a register to the barque Martha;

The Senate have also passed a bill of the following title, viz:

S. 481. An act for the relief of Captain Thomas Ap Catesby Jones; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did, on the 19th instant, approve and sign a resolution of the following title, viz:

S. Res. 32. A resolution providing for the engraving, lithographing, and publishing of drawings, maps, charts, or other papers, for Congress. And then he withdrew.

The House then resumed, as the regular order of business, the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 295) to provide for the establishment of a railroad and telegraphic communication between the Atlantic States and the Pacific ocean, and for other purposes; the pending question being on the motion of Mr. John L. Taylor, to refer the same, together with the pending amendments thereto, to a select committee of thirteen members; and upon which the main question was ordered to be put.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the bill and pending amendments be laid on the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 49
Nays 126

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
William S. Ashe
Nathan Belcher
Samuel A. Bridges
Davis Carpenter
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
William M. Churchwell
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Alfred H. Colquitt
Burton Craige
Carlton B. Curtis
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas J. D. Fuller
William O. Goode
Galuaha A. Grow

Mr. William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
George Hastings
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Colin M. Ingersoll
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Lawrence M. Kelt
John Kerr
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz
John Letcher
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
Henry May

Mr. John S. Millson
George W. Morrison
William Murray
James L. Orr
Bishop Perkins
Richard C. Puryear
Sion H. Rogers
Thomas Ruffin
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
William Smith
Michael C. Trout
Joshua Vansant
Mike Walsh
John Wheeler
William H. Witte

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
David J. Bailey
Edward Ball
William Barkadale
Peter H. Bell
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas H. Benton
George Bliss
John C. Breckinridge
Francis M. Bristow
Lewis D. Campbell
Samuel Caruthers
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
Joshua R. Giddings
Henry C. Goodwin

Mr. Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Wiley P. Harris
John Scott Harrison
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Clement S. Hill
Junius Hillyer
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Harvey H. Johnson
Roland Jones
James Knox
Alfred W. Lamb
Milton S. Latham
Samuel Lilly
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindaley
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Augustus E. Maxwell
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Alex. C. M. Pennington
John Perkins, jr.
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle
Charles Ready

Mr. David A. Reese
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
Samuel L. Russell
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
Wilson Shannon
George A. Simmons
Otho R. Singleton
Samuel A. Smith
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hester L. Stevens
Christian M. Straub
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodore R. Westbrook
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollcoffer.

So the House refused to lay the bill on the table.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. John L. Taylor to refer the said bill and pending amendments to a select committee of thirteen.

And being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 71
Nays..... 117

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. Edward Ball
Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennett
Thomas H. Benton
Samuel A. Bridges
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Joseph R. Chandler

Mr. George W. Chase
Alfred H. Colquitt
Moses B. Corwin
Burton Craige
Samuel L. Crocker
Carlton B. Curtis
Thomas Davis
John Dick

Mr. Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
Cyrus L. Dunham
William Everhart
Charles J. Faulkner
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Flagler
William O. Goode

Mr. Henry C. Goodwin
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
John Scott Harrison
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Clement S. Hill
Junius Hillyer
George S. Houston
Theodore G. Hunt
Daudel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz

Mr. John Letcher
Samuel Lilly
John McCulloch
John McQueen
James Maurice
Ner Middleswarth
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
George W. Morrison
William Murray
Jared V. Peck
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Bishop Perkins
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
Thomas Ruffin

Mr. Samuel L. Russell
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
Henry M. Shaw
George A. Simmons
William Smith
William R. Smith
Nathan T. Stratton
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Michael C. Trout
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
David J. Bailey
William Barkadale
William S. Barry
Peter H. Bell
Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Samuel Caruthers
John S. Caskie
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
William M. Churchwell
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John P. Cook
Leander M. Cox
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
Henry A. Edmundson
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
Emerson Etheridge

Mr. E. Wilder Farley
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Wiley P. Harris
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Charles Hughes
Harvey H. Johnson
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
James Knox
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
James J. Lindley
William D. Linsdaley
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
Fayette McMullen
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Smith Miller
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Samuel W. Parker
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt

Mr. William Preston
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Sion H. Rogers
Peter Rowe
James L. Seward
Wilson Shannon
Jacob Shower
Otho R. Singleton
Samuel A. Smith
George W. Smyth
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Christian M. Straub
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Mike Walsh
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Theodorio R. Westbrook
William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollcoffer.

So the House refused to refer the said bill to a select committee.

The question then recurred on the amendment to the amendment, (submitted yesterday by Mr. John G. Davis.)

And being put, viz: Will the House agree to the said amendment to the amendment?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 104
 { Nays..... 91

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
 James C. Allen
 Willis Allen
 Edward Ball
 Nathan Belcher
 Henry Bennett
 Samuel A. Bridges
 Robert M. Bugg
 Lewis D. Campbell
 Davis Carpenter
 Samuel Carathers
 Joseph R. Chandler
 George W. Chase
 John P. Cook
 Moses B. Corwin
 Samuel L. Crocker
 Carlton B. Curtis
 Francis B. Cutting
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 David T. Disney
 Cyrus L. Dunham
 Norman Eddy
 Andrew Ellison
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 Emerson Etheridge
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 Thomas T. Flagler
 James Gamble
 Joshua R. Giddings
 William O. Goode
 Henry C. Goodwin

Mr. Galusha A. Grow
 William T. Hamilton
 Aaron Harlan
 John Scott Harrison
 George Hastings
 Solomon G. Haven
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Bernhart Hess
 Harry Hibbard
 Clement S. Hill
 Daniel T. Jones
 J. Glancy Jones
 John Kerr
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 George W. Kittredge
 James Knox
 William H. Kurtz
 Alfred W. Lamb
 John Letcher
 Samuel Lilly
 James J. Lindley
 John McCulloch
 Fayette McMullen
 James Maurice
 Henry May
 Ner Middleswarth
 Smith Miller
 John S. Milleson
 Edwin B. Morgan
 William Murray
 Matthias H. Nichols
 Jesse O. Norton
 Andrew Olver
 Mordecai Oliver
 Samuel W. Parker

Mr. Jared V. Peck
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 Bishop Perkins
 John S. Phelps
 Paulus Powell
 James T. Pratt
 Benjamin Pringle
 Richard C. Puryear
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 William A. Richardson
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 John Robbins, jr.
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 Peter Rowe
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 Joshua Vassant
 Mike Walsh
 Tappan Wentworth
 John Wheeler
 Hendrick B. Wright
 Richard Yates
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken
 William Appleton
 William S. Ashe
 David J. Bailey
 Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
 William Barksdale
 William S. Barry
 Peter H. Bell
 Samuel P. Benson
 Thomas H. Benton
 Thomas S. Bocock
 William W. Boyce
 John C. Breckinridge
 Francis M. Bristow
 Preston S. Brooks
 John S. Casbie
 Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
 Elijah W. Chastain
 James S. Chrisman
 Samuel Clark
 Thomas L. Clingman
 Williamson R. W. Cobb

Mr. Alfred H. Colquitt
 Leander M. Cox
 Burton Craige
 Thomas Davis
 John L. Dawson
 William Dunbar
 Ben. C. Eastman
 Alfred P. Edgerton
 J. Wiley Edwards
 Henry A. Edmundson
 John M. Elliott
 E. Wilder Farley
 Thomas B. Florence
 Thomas J. D. Fuller
 John Z. Goodrich
 Frederick W. Green
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 Ben Edwards Grey
 Wiley P. Harris
 Junius Hillyer
 George S. Houston
 Charles Hughes

Mr. Theodore G. Hunt
 Harvey H. Johnson
 George W. Jones
 Roland Jones
 Milton S. Latham
 Charles S. Lewis
 William D. Linsley
 Moses Macdonald
 James A. McDougall
 John McQueen
 John B. Macy
 Orsamus B. Matteson
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 George W. Morrison
 David A. Noble
 James L. Orr
 John Perkins, jr.
 Philip Phillips
 Charles Ready
 Thomas R. Riffin
 Alvah Sabin
 James L. Seward

Mr. Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Showers
Otho R. Singleton
Samuel A. Smith
George W. Smyth
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Hester L. Stevens

Mr. Christian M. Straub
David Stuart
Benjamin B. Thurston
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley

Mr. Edward A. Warren
Ellibu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Theodore R. Westbrook
William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright.

So the amendment to the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Hamilton moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

And the question being put on the latter motion,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 108
Nays..... 92

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr James Abercrombie
Willis Allen
Edward Ball
Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennett
Thomas H. Benton
Thomas S. Bocock
Samuel A. Bridges
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Caskill
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
John S. Caskie
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
William M. Churchwell
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Burton Craige
Samuel L. Crocker
Carlton B. Curtis
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
John Dick
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
Cyrus L. Dunham
Henry A. Edmundson
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
Charles J. Faulkner
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas J. D. Fuller

Mr. James Gamble
William O. Goode
Henry C. Goodwin
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
John Scott Harrison
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hibbard
Clement S. Hill
Colin M. Ingersoll
Daniel T. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
John Kerr
Zedekiah Kidwell
George W. Kittredge
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
James H. Lane
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
James J. Lindley
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
Daniel Mace
James Maurice
Henry May
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
George W. Morrison

Mr. William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Bishop Perkins
John S. Phelps
Paulus Powell
James T. Pratt
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Sion H. Rogers
Thomas Rudin
Samuel L. Russell
Russell Sage
William E. Sapp
George A. Simmonds
Augustus R. Sollers
Richard H. Stanton
Nathan T. Stratton
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Michael C. Trout
Joshua Vansant
Mike Walsh
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler
William H. Witte
Hendrick B. Wright
Richard Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
William Appleton
David J. Bailey
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.

Mr. William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Peter H. Bell
Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss

Mr. William W. Boyce
John C. Brockinridge
Francis M. Bristow
Preston S. Brooks
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain

Mr. Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chisman
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Alfred H. Colquitt
Leander M. Cox
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
Augustus Drum
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmonds
John M. Elliott
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas B. Florence
Joshua R. Giddings
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Wiley P. Harris
Bernhart Henn
Junius Hillyer
George S. Houston

Mr. Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Harvey H. Johnson
George W. Jones
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
Alfred W. Lamb
Milton S. Latham
William D. Lindaley
James A. McDougall
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
Augustus E. Maxwell
Smith Miller
David A. Noble
James L. Orr
John Perkins, jr.
William Preston
Charles Ready
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
Peter Rowe
Alvah Sabin
James L. Seward
Wilson Shannon

Mr. Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
Otho R. Singleton
Samuel A. Smith
George W. Smyth
Frederick P. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
Benjamin B. Thurston
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Theodorio R. Westbrook
Daniel B. Wright
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question then recurring on the amendment as amended,

Mr. Florence moved, at 1 o'clock and 50 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Walsh moved that the bill be laid on the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 79
Nays..... 123.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
William S. Ashe
David J. Bailey
Nathan Belcher
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Preston S. Brooks
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
William M. Churchwell
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Alfred H. Colquitt
Burton Craig
Carlton B. Curtis
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas J. D. Fuller
William O. Goode
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Wiley P. Harris

Mr. George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Harry Hibbard
Junius Hillyer
George S. Houston
Theodore G. Hunt
Colin M. In. ersoll
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
Zedekiah Kidwell
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Moses Macdonald
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Ner Middleswarth
John S. Millson
George W. Morrison
William Murray

Mr. Andrew Oliver
James L. Orr
Alex. C. M. Pennington.
Bishop Perkins
Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell
Richard C. Puryear
David A. Reese
Sion H. Rogers
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
James L. Seward
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
Otho R. Singleton
William Smith
William R. Smith
Nathan T. Stratton
Michael C. Trout
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
Mike Walsh
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wheeler
William H. Witte
Hendrick B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen	Mr. Emerson Etheridge	Mr. James T. Pratt
Willis Allen	William Everhart	William Preston
William Appleton	E. Wilder Farley	Benjamin Pringle
Edward Ball	Thomas T. Flagler	Charles Ready
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.	Thomas B. Florence	William A. Richardson
William Barksdale	James Gamble	George Read Riddle
William S. Barry	Joshua R. Giddings	David Ritchie
Peter H. Bell	John Z. Goodrich	John Robbins, jr.
Henry Bennett	Henry C. Goodwin	Peter Rowe
Samuel P. Benson	Frederick W. Green	Alvah Sabin
Thomas H. Benton	Alfred B. Greenwood	Russell Sage
George Bliss	Ben Edwards Grey	William R. Sapp
Francis M. Bristow	John Scott Harrison	Wilson Shannon
Robert M. Bugg	Thomas A. Hendricks	George A. Simmons
Lewis D. Campbell	Bernhart Henn	Samuel A. Smith
Davis Carpenter	Clement S. Hill	Georgs W. Smyth
Samuel Caruthers	Charles Hughes	Augustus R. Sollers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain	Harvey H. Johnson	Frederick P. Stanton
Joseph R. Chandler	Roland Jones	Richard H. Stanton
George W. Chase	James Knox	Hector L. Stevens
James S. Chrisman	Alfred W. Lamb	Christian M. Straub
Samuel Clark	Milton S. Latham	Andrew Stuart
John P. Cook	Samuel Lilly	David Stuart
Moses B. Corwin	James J. Lindley	John J. Taylor
Leander M. Cox	William D. Lindsley	John L. Taylor
Samuel L. Crocker	James A. McDougall	Nathaniel G. Taylor
Francis B. Cutting	Daniel Mace	Benjamin B. Thurston
John G. Davis	John B. Macy	William M. Tweed
Thomas Davis	Orsamus B. Matteson	Charles W. Upham
John L. Dawson	James Maurice	Hiram Walbridge
John Dick	James Meacham	William A. Walker
Edward Dickinson	John G. Miller	Samuel H. Walley
David T. Disney	Edwin B. Morgan	Edward A. Warren
Augustus Drum	Matthias H. Nichols	Ellihu B. Washburne
Cyrus L. Dunham	David A. Noble	Israel Washburn, jr.
Norman Eddy	Jesse O. Norton	John Wentworth
Alfred P. Edgerton	Mordecai Oliver	Tappan Wentworth
J. Wiley Edmands	Samuel W. Parker	Theodor R. Westbrook
John M. Elliott	Jared V. Peck	Daniel B. Wright
Andrew Ellison	John Perkins, jr.	Richard Yates
William H. English	John S. Phelps	Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the House refused to lay the bill on the table.

The question again recurring on the amendment as amended,

Mr. Abercrombie moved. at 2 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

The question again recurred on the amendment as amended.

And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 121
Nays..... 79

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen	Mr. Lewis D. Campbell	Mr. Francis B. Cutting
Willis Allen	Davis Carpenter	John G. Davis
William Appleton	Samuel Caruthers	Thomas Davis
Edward Ball	John S. Caskie	John L. Dawson
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.	Ebenezer M. Chamberlain	John Dick
Henry Bennett	Joseph R. Chandler	Edward Dickinson
Samuel P. Benson	George W. Chase	David T. Disney
Thomas H. Benton	John P. Cook	Augustus Drum
George Bliss	Moses B. Corwin	Cyrus L. Dunham
Francis M. Bristow	Leander M. Cox	Norman Eddy
Robert M. Bugg	Samuel L. Crocker	Alfred P. Edgerton

Mr. J. Wiley Edmonds
 Andrew Ellison
 Emerson Etheridge
 William Everhart
 E. Wilder Farley
 Thomas T. Flagler
 Thomas B. Florence
 James Gamble
 John Z. Goodrich
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Frederick W. Green
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 Galusha A. Grow
 Aaron Harlan
 John Scott Harrison
 Solomon G. Haven
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Berahart Hearn
 Clement S. Hill
 Junius Hillyer
 Charles Hughes
 Daniel T. Jones
 J. Glancy Jones
 John Kerr
 James Knox
 William H. Kurtz
 Alfred W. Lamb
 Milton S. Latham
 John Letcher
 Samuel Lilly

Mr. James J. Lindley
 William D. Lindsley
 John McCulloch
 James A. McDougall
 Daniel Mace
 John B. Macy
 Orsamus B. Matteson
 James Maurice
 James Meacham
 Ner Middlewarth
 Smith Miller
 John S. Millson
 Edwin B. Morgan
 William Murray
 Matthias H. Nichols
 Jesse O. Norton
 Mordecai Oliver
 Samuel W. Parker
 Jared V. Peck
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 Bishop Perkins
 John S. Phelps
 William Preston
 Benjamin Pringle
 Charles Ready
 William A. Richardson
 George Read Riddle
 David Ritchie
 Thomas Ritchey

Mr. John Robbins, jr.
 Peter Rowe
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 William R. Sapp
 George A. Simmons
 Samuel A. Smith
 Augustus R. Solters
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Richard H. Stanton
 Christian M. Straub
 Andrew Stuart
 David Stuart
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 William M. Tweed
 Charles W. Upham
 Hiram Walbridge
 William A. Walker
 Samuel H. Walley
 Edward A. Warren
 Elithu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 Tappan Wentworth
 Theodor R. Westbrook
 Richard Yates
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
 William Aiken
 William S. Ashe
 David J. Bailey
 Thomas H. Bayly
 William Marksdale
 William S. Barry
 Nathan Belcher
 Peter H. Bell
 Thomas S. Boccock
 William W. Boyce
 John C. Breckinridge
 Samuel A. Bridges
 Preston S. Brooks
 Elijah W. Chaastain
 James S. Chrisman
 Samuel Clark
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 Alfred H. Colquitt
 Burton Craige
 Carlton B. Curtis
 William Dunbar
 Ben C. Eastman
 Henry A. Edmundson
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Reuben E. Fenton
 John R. Franklin

Mr. Thomas J. D. Fuller
 William O. Goode
 Ben Edwards Grey
 William T. Hamilton
 Wiley P. Harris
 George Hastings
 Harry Hibbard
 George S. Houston
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Harvey H. Johnson
 George W. Jones
 Roland Jones
 Lawrence M. Keitt
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 George W. Kittredge
 Moses Macdonald
 Fayette McMullen
 John McQueen
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 Henry May
 Samuel Mayall
 George W. Morrison
 David A. Noble
 Andrew Oliver
 James L. Orr
 John Perkins, jr.

Mr. Philip Phillips
 Paulus Powell
 Richard C. Puryear
 David A. Reese
 Sion H. Rogers
 Thomas Ruffin
 James L. Seward
 Wilson Shannon
 Henry M. Shaw
 Jacob Shower
 Otho R. Singleton
 William Smith
 William R. Smith
 George W. Smyth
 Hestor L. Stevens
 Nathan T. Stratton
 John J. Taylor
 Michael C. Trout
 Joshua Vansant
 Mike Walsh
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 John Wentworth
 John Wheeler
 William H. Witte
 Daniel B. Wright
 Hendrick B. Wright.

So the amendment as amended was agreed to.

Mr. John G. Davis moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table which latter motion was agreed to.

The question then recurring on the engrossment and third reading of the bill,

Mr. Letcher moved that the bill be laid on the table; which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put, Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 105
Nays..... 97

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
Edward B-ll
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas H. Benton
George Bliss
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Samuel Clark
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
John Dick
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
Augustus Drum
Cyrus L. Dunham
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmonds
Andrew Ellison
Emerson Etheridge

Mr. William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
James Gamble
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
John Scott Harrison
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Harvey H. Johnson
James Knox
Alfred W. Lamb
Milton S. Latham
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindsley
Caleb Lyon
John McCulloch
James A. McDougall
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
Smith Miller
Edwin B. Morgan
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
John S. Phelps

Mr. William Preston
Benjamin Pringle
Charles Ready
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
Samuel A. Smith
Augustus B. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
Theodorick R. Westbrook
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
William S. Ashe
David J. Bailey
Thomas H. Bayly
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Peter H. Bell
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckenridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Preston S. Brooks

Mr. John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
William M. Churchwell
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Alfred H. Colquitt
Burton Craig
Carlton B. Curtis
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Henry A. Edmundson
Charles J. Faulkner
Reuben E. Fenton
John R. Franklin
Thomas J. D. Fuller

Mr. Joshua R. Giddings
William O. Goode
Ben Edwards Grey
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Harry Hibbard
Clement S. Hill
Junius Hillyer
George S. Houston
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones

Mr. J. Glancy Jones
 Roland Jones
 Lawrence M. Keitt
 John Kerr
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 George W. Kittredge
 William H. Kurtz
 John Letcher
 Charles S. Lewis
 Samuel Lilly
 Moses Macdonald
 Fayette McMullen
 John McQueen
 James Maurice
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 Henry May
 John S. Millson
 George W. Morrison
 William Murray

Mr. Matthias H. Nichols
 Andrew Oliver
 James L. Orr
 Jared V. Peck
 Rufus W. Peckham
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 Bishop Perkins
 John Perkins, jr.
 Philip Phillips
 Paulus Powell
 James T. Pratt
 Richard C. Puryear
 David A. Reese
 Sion H. Rogers
 Thomas Ruffin
 James L. Seward
 Wilson Shannon
 Henry M. Shaw

Mr. Jacob Shower
 George A. Simmons
 Otho R. Singleton
 William Smith
 William R. Smith
 George W. Smyth
 Nathan T. Stratton
 John J. Taylor
 Michael C. Trout
 Joshua Vansant
 Edward Wade
 Mike Walsh
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 John Wentworth
 John Wheeler
 William H. Witte
 Daniel B. Wright
 Hendrick B. Wright.

So the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on the passage of the bill,

Mr. McDougall moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. Kerr moved, at 2 o'clock and 53 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 96
 { Nays..... 100

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
 William Aiken
 William Appleton
 William S. Ashe
 David J. Bailey
 Thomas H. Bayly
 Edward Ball
 William S. Barry
 Nathan Belcher
 Peter H. Bell
 Henry Bennett
 William W. Boyce
 John C. Breckinridge
 Samuel A. Bridges
 Francis M. Bristow
 Robert M. Bugg
 Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
 Joseph R. Chandler
 George W. Chase
 Elijah W. Chastain
 Alfred H. Colquitt
 Moses B. Corwin
 Burton Craige
 Samuel L. Crocker
 Carlton B. Curtis
 Thomas Davis
 John Dick
 Ben C. Eastman
 Emerson Etheridge

Mr. Reuben E. Fenton
 Thomas B. Florence
 John R. Franklin
 Joshua R. Giddings
 William O. Goode
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Ben Edwards Grey
 Galusha A. Grow
 George Hastings
 Solomon G. Haven
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Harry Hibbard
 Junius Hillyer
 Daniel T. Jones
 Roland Jones
 John Kerr
 George W. Kittredge
 James Knox
 John Letcher
 Charles S. Lewis
 Samuel Lilly
 Moses Macdonald
 Fayette McMullen
 John McQueen
 Orsamus B. Matteson
 Henry May
 James Meacham
 Ner Middleswarth
 George W. Morrison

Mr. William Murray
 Jesse O. Norton
 James L. Orr
 Jared V. Peck
 Rufus W. Peckham
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 Bishop Perkins
 Paulus Powell
 Benjamin Pringle
 Charles Ready
 David A. Reese
 David Ritchie
 John Robbins, jr.
 Thomas Ruffin
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 William R. Sapp
 James L. Seward
 Henry M. Shaw
 George A. Simmons
 Otho R. Singleton
 Samuel A. Smith
 William Smith
 William R. Smith
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Richard H. Stanton
 John J. Taylor
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Edward Wade

Mr. Mike Walsh
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne

Mr. Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
John Wheeler

Mr. William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barksdale
Thomas H. Benton
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bocock
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
John S. Caskie
James S. Chrisman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John P. Cook
Leander M. Cox
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
Augustus Drum
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmonds
Henry A. Edmundson
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas T. Flagler

Mr. Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
John Z. Goodrich
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
John Scott Harrison
Bernhart Henn
Clement S. Hill
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Harvey H. Johnson
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
Zedekiah Kidwell
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindsley
John McCulloch
James A. McDougall
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
James Maurice
Augustus E. Maxwell
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
Matthias H. Nichols

Mr. David A. Noble
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
William Preston
Richard C. Puryear
William A. Richardson
Thomas Ritchey
Sion H. Rogers
Peter Rowe
Wilson Shannon
Jacob Shower
George W. Smyth
Hestor L. Stevens
Nathan T. Strauton
Andrew Stuart
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
Theodore R. Westbrook
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the House refused to adjourn.

The question then recurring on the demand for the previous question, it was seconded, and the main question ordered to be put.

And then,

On motion of Mr. William Smith, at 3 o'clock and 15 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until Monday next at 12 o'clock m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1855.

Another member appeared and took a seat in the House, viz:

From the State of Missouri—John G. Miller.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, in answer to a resolution of the House of the 16th instant, a report of the Chief Engineer, relative to the necessity for military defences at Proctor's Landing, at the terminus of the Mexican Gulf railway, in Louisiana; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

The following petitions, memorial, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Clark: The petition of citizens of the State of Michigan, for a mail-route from Whitneyville, Kent county, to the city of Grand Rapids, in said State; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Fuller: The petition of Sullivan Greene, Francis S. Shed, and Stephen Wells, owners of the schooner Mary Moulter, of Deer Island, Maine, for an allowance and payment of fishing bounty on said vessel, for the year 1851.

By Mr. Simmons: Two petitions of citizens of the State of New York, and of the adjacent provinces of Canada, for the establishment of a port of entry at Rouse's Point, in the said State of New York.

By Mr. David Ritchie: The memorial of the Board of Trade of the city of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, for the improvement of the navigation of the Ohio river, either on the system heretofore proposed, or by a system of locks and dams.

Ordered, That said petitions and memorial be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Chamberlain: The petition of citizens of the State of Indiana, for a mail-route from Forest Grove, via Fish Lake, in Elkhart county, to Haw Patch, in Lagrange county, in said State; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Westbrook: Additional papers in the case of Zelia M. Crosby, widow of Purser A. D. Crosby, of the United States navy; which were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. William Smith: The petition of citizens and shipmasters of the United States, for legislation for the protection of the officers of the merchants' marine, and the property committed to their trust.

By Mr. Aiken: The petition of Henry Gerdts and Carsten Nohrden, merchants of the city of Charleston, South Carolina, to change the name of the schooner J. H. Holmes, to Effort.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne: The petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, against the renewal of the patents of H. Moore, J. Hascall, Obed Hussey, and C. H. McCormick, for improvements in reaping machines; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Hendricks: The petition of Joseph Hamilton, of Indiana, that the time for locating land warrant No. 27649 be extended; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. John Wentworth: The petition of Julius Hatch, accompanied by the petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, for the renewal and extension of his letters patent for a machine for sowing grain, &c., broadcast; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Peck, by unanimous consent, presented joint resolutions of the legislature of the State of New York, relative to the extension of the patents of Cyrus H. McCormick, Obed Hussey, and Moore and Hascall; which were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pennington, by unanimous consent, presented the memorial of the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Assembly, and senators and members of assembly of the State of New Jersey, asking that an expedition may be fitted out by the government

of the United States for the Arctic zone, for the search and rescue of the American expedition under the command of Dr. Kane; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

The House then resumed, as the business first in order, the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 295) to provide for the establishment of a railroad and telegraphic communication between the Atlantic States and the Pacific ocean, and for other purposes; the pending question being on its passage, upon which the main question was ordered to be put.

Mr. Campbell moved that the vote by which the main question was ordered, be reconsidered.

Pending which,

Mr. Tweed moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

And the question being put on the latter motion,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 87
Nays 104

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Thomas H. Benton
George Bliss
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Thomas W. Cumming
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
Alexander De Witt
Augustus Drum
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas B. Florence

Mr. James Gamble
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Andrew J. Harlan
John Scott Harrison
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Charles Hughes
Harvey H. Johnson
James Knox
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
James J. Lindley
William D. Linsley
John McCulloch
James A. McDougall
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
John G. Miller
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
John S. Phelps

Mr. Charles Ready
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
John Robbins, jr.
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
Wilson Shannon
Samuel A. Smith
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hester L. Stevens
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne
Daniel Wells, jr.
Theodore R. Westbrook
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollcoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
William Appleton
Thomas H. Bayly
William Barkadale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Peter H. Bell
Henry Bennett

Mr. Samuel P. Benson
Thomas S. Bocoock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Preston S. Brooks
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
John S. Caskie

Mr. George W. Chase
Elijah W. Chastain
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Alfred H. Colquitt
Leander M. Cox
Burton Craig
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom

Mr. John Dick	Mr. George W. Jones	Mr. James T. Pratt
Edward Dickinson	J. Glancy Jones	Benjamin Pringle
David T. Disney	Roland Jones	Richard C. Puryear
William Dunbar	Lawrence M. Keitt	David A. Reese
J. Wiley Edmands	John Kerr	Thomas Ruffin
Charles J. Faulkner	George W. Kittredge	Samuel L. Russell
Reuben E. Fenton	William H. Kurtz	James L. Seward
Thomas T. Flagler	John Letcher	Henry M. Shaw
John R. Franklin	Charles S. Lewis	Jacob Shower
Thomas J. D. Fuller	Moses Macdonald	George A. Simmons
Joshua R. Giddings	John McQueen	Otho R. Singleton
William O. Goode	James Maurice	William Smith
Henry C. Goodwin	Augustus E. Maxwell	William R. Smith
Galusha A. Grow	Henry May	George W. Smyth
William T. Hamilton	Ner Middleswarth	Nathan T. Stratton
Aaron Harlan	John S. Millson	John J. Taylor
Sampson W. Harris	Edwin B. Morgan	Isaac Teller
Wiley P. Harris	George W. Morrison	Michael C. Trout
George Hastings	William Murray	Joshua Vansant
Solomon G. Haven	Andrew Oliver	Edward Wade
Harry Hibbard	Jared V. Peck	Israel Washburn, jr.
Junius Hillyer	Rufus W. Peckham	John Wentworth
George S. Houston	Alex. C. M. Pennington	Tappan Wentworth
Theodore G. Hunt	Bishop Perkins	William H. Witte
Colin M. Ingersoll	John Perkins, jr.	Daniel B. Wright.
Daniel T. Jones	Paulus Powell	

So the House refused to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.
The question then recurred on the motion to reconsider.
And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 105
Nays..... 92

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken	Mr. Reuben E. Fenton	Mr. John McQueen
William Barksdale	Thomas T. Flagler	James Maurice
William S. Barry	John R. Franklin	Augustus E. Maxwell
Nathan Belcher	Thomas J. D. Fuller	Henry May
Peter H. Bell	Joshua R. Giddings	Ner Middleswarth
Henry Bennett	William O. Goode	John S. Millson
Samuel P. Benson	Henry C. Goodwin	Edwin B. Morgan
Thomas S. Bocock	Galusha A. Grow	George W. Morrison
William W. Boyce	William T. Hamilton	William Murray
John C. Breckinridge	Aaron Harlan	Andrew Oliver
Samuel A. Bridges	Sampson W. Harris	James L. Orr
Preston S. Brooks	Wiley P. Harris	Jared V. Peck
Lewis D. Campbell	Solomon G. Haven	Rufus W. Peckham
Davis Carpenter	Harry Hibbard	Alex. C. M. Pennington
John S. Caakie	Junius Hillyer	Bishop Perkins
George W. Chase	George S. Houston	John Perkins, jr.
Elijah W. Chastain	Theodore G. Hunt	James T. Pratt
Thomas L. Clingman	Colin M. Ingersoll	Benjamin Pringle
Williamson R. W. Cobb	Daniel T. Jones	Richard C. Puryear
Alfred H. Colquitt	George W. Jones	David A. Reese
Moses B. Corwin	J. Glancy Jones	Thomas Ruffin
Leander M. Cox	Roland Jones	Samuel L. Russell
Burton Craig	Lawrence M. Keitt	James L. Seward
Samuel L. Crocker	John Kerr	Henry M. Shaw
William Cullom	Zedekiah Kidwell	Jacob Shower
John Dick	George W. Kittredge	George A. Simmons
Edward Dickinson	William H. Kurtz	Otho R. Singleton
William Dunbar	John Letcher	William Smith
Ben C. Eastman	Charles S. Lewis	William R. Smith
Charles J. Faulkner	Moses Macdonald	George W. Smyth

Mr. Nathan T. Stratton
Christian M. Straub
John J. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Michael C. Trout

Mr. Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
Mike Walsh
Edward A. Warren
Israel Washburn, jr.

Mr. John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler
William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Thomas H. Benton
George Bliss
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Samuel Clark
John P. Cook
Thomas W. Cumming
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
Alexander De Witt
David T. Disney
Augustus Drum
Cyrus L. Dunham
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmands
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley

Mr. Thomas B. Florence
James Gamble
John Z. Goodrich
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Andrew J. Harlan
John Scott Harrison
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Charles Hughes
Harvey H. Johnson
James Knox
Alfred W. Lamb
Milton S. Latham
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindaley
John McCulloch
James A. McDougall
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Meacham
John G. Miller
Smith Miller
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker

Mr. John S. Phelps
William Preston
Charles Ready
William A. Richardson
David Ritchie
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
Wilson Shannon
Samuel A. Smith
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Andrew Stuart
David Stewart
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Ellihu B. Washburne
Daniel Wells, jr.
Theodore E. Westbrook
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the vote, by which the main question was ordered, was reconsidered.

Mr. Campbell moved that the bill be recommitted to the select committee of thirteen.

Pending which,

Mr. Campbell moved the previous question ; which was seconded and the main question ordered and put, viz : Shall the bill be recommitted ?

And it was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 101
Nays..... 104

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
Thomas H. Bayly
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas S. Bocock
Samuel A. Bridges
Lewis D. Campbell

Mr. Davis Carpenter
John S. Caskie
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Elijah W. Chastain
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Alfred H. Colquitt
Moses B. Corwin
Burton Craige

Mr. Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis
Thomas Davis
John Dick
William Dunbar
William H. English
Charles J. Faulkner
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Flagler

Mr. John R. Franklin
 Thomas J. D. Fuller
 Joshua R. Giddings
 William O. Goode
 John Z. Goodrich
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Galusha A. Grow
 William T. Hamilton
 Aaron Harlan
 Sampson W. Harris
 Wiley P. Harris
 George Hastings
 Solomon G. Haven
 Harry Hibbard
 Junius Hilyer
 George S. Houston
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Colin M. Ingersoll
 Daniel T. Jones
 George W. Jones
 J. Glancy Jones
 Roland Jones
 Lawrence M. Keitt
 John Kerr

Mr. Zedekiah Kidwell
 George W. Kittredge
 William H. Kurtz
 John Letcher
 Charles S. Lewis
 Caleb Lyon
 John McQueen
 James Maurice
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 Henry May
 Ner Middleswarth
 John S. Millson
 Edwin B. Morgan
 George W. Morrison
 William Murray
 Andrew Oliver
 James L. Orr
 Jared V. Peck
 Rufus W. Peckham
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 Bishop Perkins
 John Perkins, jr.
 Phillip Phillips
 Paulus Powell

Mr. Benjamin Pringle
 Richard C. Puryear
 David A. Reese
 Thomas Ruffin
 Samuel L. Russell
 William R. Sapp
 James L. Seward
 Henry M. Shaw
 Jacob Shower
 George A. Simmons
 Otho R. Singleton
 William Smith
 William R. Smith
 Nathan T. Stratton
 John J. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Michael C. Trout
 Joshua Vansant
 Edward Wade
 Mike Walsh
 John Wheeler
 William H. Witte
 Daniel B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
 Willis Allen
 William Appleton
 David J. Bailey
 Edward Ball
 Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
 Peter H. Bell
 Thomas H. Benton
 George Bliss
 William W. Boyce
 John C. Breckinridge
 Francis M. Bristow
 Robert M. Bugg
 Samuel Caruthers
 Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
 James S. Chrisman
 William M. Churchwell
 Samuel Clark
 John P. Cook
 Leander M. Cox
 Thomas W. Cumming
 Francis B. Cutting
 John G. Davis
 John L. Dawson
 Alexander De Witt
 Edward Dickinson
 David T. Disney
 Augustus Drum
 Cyrus L. Dunham
 Ben C. Eastman
 Norman Eddy
 Alfred P. Edgerton
 John M. Elliott
 Andrew Ellison
 Emerson Etheridge

Mr. William Everhart
 E. Wilder Farley
 Thomas B. Florence
 Frederick W. Green
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 Ben Edwards Grey
 Andrew J. Harlan
 John Scott Harrison
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Bernhart Henn
 Charles Hughes
 Harvey H. Johnson
 James Knox
 Alfred W. Lamb
 James H. Lane
 Milton S. Latham
 James J. Lindley
 William D. Lindeley
 John McCulloch
 Moses Macdonald
 James A. McDougall
 Daniel Mace
 John B. Macy
 Orasmus B. Matteson
 John G. Miller
 Smith Miller
 Matthias H. Nichols
 David A. Noble
 Jesse O. Norton
 Edson B. Olds
 Mordecai Oliver
 Samuel W. Parker
 John S. Phelps
 James T. Pratt
 William Preston

Mr. Charles Ready
 William A. Richardson
 David Ritchie
 Thomas Ritchey
 John Robbins, jr.
 Peter Rowe
 Alvah Sabin
 Wilson Shannon
 Samuel A. Smith
 George W. Smyth
 Augustus R. Sollers
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Richard H. Stanton
 Hester L. Stevens
 Christian M. Straub
 Andrew Stuart
 David Stuart
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 William M. Tweed
 Charles W. Upham
 Hiram Walbridge
 William A. Walker
 Samuel H. Walley
 Edward A. Warren
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 John Wentworth
 Tappan Wentworth
 Theodor R. Westbrook
 Hendrick B. Wright
 Richard Yates
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the House refused to recommit the bill.
 The question again recurring on the passage of the bill,

Mr. John Wentworth moved that the vote by which the House refused to recommit the bill, be reconsidered.

Pending which,

Mr. Sollers moved that the said motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

And the question being put on the latter motion,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 98
Nays..... 103

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
P. H. Bell
Thomas H. Benton
George Bliss
John C. Breckinridge
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
James S. Chrisman
William M. Churchwell
Samuel Clark
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Thomas W. Cumming
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
Augustus Drum
Cyrus L. Dunham
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge

Mr. William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas B. Florence
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Andrew J. Harlan
John Scott Harrison
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Charles Hughes
Harvey H. Johnson
James Knox
Alfred W. Lamb
Milton S. Latham
James J. Lindley
William D. Linsley
John McCulloch
James A. McDougall
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Orasmus B. Matteson
John G. Miller
Smith Miller
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
John S. Phelps
William Preston
Charles Ready

Mr. William A. Richardson
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
Alvah Sabia
Wilson Shannon
Samuel A. Smith
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker.
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniels Wells, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
Theodor R. Westbrook
Hendrick B. Wright
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
David J. Bailey
Thomas H. Bayly
Edward Ball
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
Samuel A. Bridges
Preston S. Brooks
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter

Mr. John S. Caskie
George W. Chase
Elijah W. Chastain
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Alfred H. Colquitt
Burton Craige
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis
Thomas Davis
John Dick
William Dunbar
Charles J. Faulkner
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Flagler
John R. Franklin

Mr. Thomas J. D. Fuller
Joshua R. Giddings
William O. Goode
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Sampson W. Harris
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Harry Hibbard
Junius Hillyer
George S. Houston
Theodore G. Hunt
Colin M. Ingersoll

Mr. Daniel T. Jones	Mr. George W. Morrison	Mr. James L. Seward
George W. Jones	William Murray	Henry M. Shaw
J. Glancy Jones	Andrew Oliver	Jacob Shower
Roland Jones	James L. Orr	George A. Simmons
Lawrence M. Keitt	Jared V. Peck	Otho R. Singleton
John Kerr	Rufus W. Peckham	William Smith
Zedekiah Kidwell	Alex. C. M. Pennington	George W. Smyth
George W. Kittredge	Bishop Perkins	Nathan T. Stratton
William H. Kurtz	John Perkins, jr.	John J. Taylor
John Letcher	Philip Phillips	Isaac Teller
Charles S. Lewis	Paulus Powell	Michael C. Trout
Moses Macdonald	Benjamin Pringle	Joshua Vansant
John McQueen	Richard C. Puryear	Edward Wade
James Maurice	David A. Reese	Mike Walsh
Augustus E. Maxwell	Sion H. Rogers	John Wentworth
Henry May	Thomas Ruffin	John Wheeler
Ner Middlewarth	Samuel L. Russell	William H. Witte
John S. Millson	William R. Sapp	Daniel B. Wright.
Edwin B. Morgan		

So the House refused to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

The question then recurred on the motion to reconsider.

And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 103
Nays..... 100

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie	Mr. John Z. Goodrich	Mr. Andrew Oliver
William Aiken	Henry C. Goodwin	James L. Orr
David J. Bailey	Galusha A. Grow	Jared V. Peck
Thomas H. Bayly	William T. Hamilton	Rufus W. Peckham
Edward Ball	Aaron Harlan	Alex. C. M. Pennington
William Barksdale	Sampson W. Harris	Bishop Perkins
William S. Barry	Wiley P. Harris	John Perkins, jr.
Nathan Belcher	George Hastings	Philip Phillips
Henry Bennett	Solomon G. Haven	Paulus Powell
Samuel P. Benson	Harry Hibbard	Benjamin Pringle
Thomas S. Bocock	Junius Hillyer	Richard C. Puryear
William W. Boyce	George S. Houston	David A. Reese
Samuel A. Bridges	Theodore G. Hunt	Sion H. Rogers
Preston S. Brooks	Colin M. Ingersoll	Thomas Ruffin
Lewis D. Campbell	Daniel T. Jones	Samuel L. Russell
Davis Carpenter	George W. Jones	William R. Sapp
John S. Caskie	J. Glancy Jones	James L. Seward
George W. Chase	Roland Jones	Henry M. Shaw
Elijah W. Chastain	Lawrence M. Keitt	Jacob Shower
Thomas L. Clingman	John Kerr	George A. Simmons
Williamson R. W. Cobb	Zedekiah Kidwell	Otho R. Singleton
Alfred H. Colquitt	George W. Kittredge	William Smith
Burton Craige	John Letcher	George W. Smyth
Samuel L. Crocker	Charles S. Lewis	Nathan T. Stratton
William Cullom	Caleb Lyon	John J. Taylor
Carlton B. Curtis	Moses Macdonald	Isaac Teller
John Dick	John McQueen	Michael C. Trout
William Dunbar	James Maurice	Joshua Vansant
Charles J. Faulkner	Augustus E. Maxwell	Edward Wade
Reuben E. Fenton	Ner Middlewarth	Mike Walsh
Thomas T. Flagler	John S. Millson	John Wentworth
John R. Franklin	Edwin B. Morgan	John Wheeler
Thomas J. D. Fuller	George W. Morrison	William H. Witte
Joshua R. Giddings	William Murray	Daniel B. Wright.
William O. Goode		

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen	Mr. William Everhart	Mr. Charles Ready
William Appleton	E. Wilder Farley	William A. Richardson
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.	Thomas B. Florence	David Ritchie
Peter H. Bell	Frederick W. Green	Thomas Ritchey
Thomas H. Benton	Alfred B. Greenwood	John Robbins, jr.
George Bliss	Ben Edwards Grey	Peter Rowe
John C. Breckinridge	Andrew J. Harlan	Alvah Sabin
Francis M. Bristow	John Scott Harrison	Wilson Shannon
Robert M. Bugg	Thomas A. Hendricks	Samuel A. Smith
Samuel Caruthers	Bernhart Henn	Augustus R. Sollers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain	Charles Hughes	Frederick P. Stanton
James S. Chrisman	Harvey H. Johnson	Richard H. Stanton
William M. Churchwell	James Knox	Hector L. Stevens
Samuel Clark	Alfred W. Lamb	Christiam M. Straub
John P. Cook	James H. Lane	Andrew Stuart
Moses B. Corwin	Milton S. Latham	David Stuart
Leander M. Cox	James J. Lindley	John L. Taylor
Thomas W. Cumming	William D. Lindsley	Nathaniel G. Taylor
Francis B. Cutting	John McCulloch	Benjamin B. Thurston
John G. Davis	James A. McDougall	William M. Tweed
John L. Dawson	Daniel Mace	Charles W. Upham
Alexander De Witt	John B. Macy	Hiram Walbridge
Edward Dickinson	John G. Miller	William A. Walker
David T. Disney	Smith Miller	Samuel H. Walley
Augustus Drum	Matthias H. Nichols	Edward A. Warren
Cyrus L. Dunham	David A. Noble	Ellihu B. Washburne
Ben C. Eastman	Jesse O. Norton	Israel Washburn, jr.
Norman Eddy	Edson B. Olds	Daniel Wells, jr.
Alfred P. Edgerton	Mordecai Oliver	Tappan Wentworth
J. Wiley Edmunds	Samuel W. Parker	Theodorick R. Westbrook
John M. Elliott	John S. Phelps	Hendrick B. Wright
Andrew Ellison	James T. Pratt	Richard Yates
William H. English	William Preston	Felix K. Zollicoffer.
Emerson Etheridge		

So the motion to reconsider was agreed to.

The question again recurring on the motion to recommit to the select committee of thirteen, was again put,

And there appeared, { Yeas..... 103
Nays..... 103

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie	Mr. Burton Craig	Mr. Solomon G. Haven
William Aiken	Samuel L. Crocker	Harry Hibbard
David J. Bailey	William Cullom	Junius Hillyer
Thomas H. Bayly	Carlton B. Curtis	George S. Houston
Edward Ball	John Dick	Theodore G. Hunt
William Barksdale	William Dunbar	Colin M. Ingersoll
William S. Barry	Ben C. Eastman	Daniel T. Jones
Nathan Belcher	Charles J. Faulkner	George W. Jones
Henry Bennett	Reuben E. Fenton	J. Glancy Jones
Samuel P. Benson	Thomas T. Flagler	Roland Jones
Thomas S. Bocock	John R. Franklin	John Kerr
William W. Boyce	Thomas J. D. Fuller	Zedekiah Kidwell
Samuel A. Bridges	Joshua R. Giddings	George W. Kittredge
Preston S. Brooks	William O. Goode	William H. Kurts
Lewis D. Campbell	John Z. Goodrich	John Letcher
Davis Carpenter	Henry C. Goodwin	Charles S. Lewis
John S. Caskie	Galusha A. Grow	Caleb Lyon
George W. Chase	William T. Hamilton	Moses Macdonald
Elijah W. Chastain	Aaron Harlan	John McQueen
Thomas L. Clingman	Sampson W. Harris	James Maurice
Williamson R. W. Cobb	Wiley P. Harris	Henry May
Alfred H. Colquitt	George Hastings	Ner Middleswarth

Mr. John S. Mullan
Edwin B. Morgan
George W. Morrison
William Murray
Andrew Oliver
James L. Orr
Jared V. Peck
Eufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Bishop Perkins
John Perkins, jr.
Paulus Powell
Benjamin Pringle

Mr. Richard C. Puryear
David A. Reese
Sion H. Rogers
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
William R. Sapp
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Otho R. Singleton
William Smith
William R. Smith

Mr. George W. Smyth
Nathan T. Stratton
John J. Taylor
Michael C. Trout
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
Mike Walsh
John Wentworth
John Wheeler
William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Peter H. Bell
Thomas H. Benton
George Bliss
John C. Breckinridge
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
James S. Chrisman
William M. Churchwell
Samuel Clark
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Thomas W. Cumming
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
Augustus Drum
Cyrus L. Dunham
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmands
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge

Mr. William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas B. Florence
James Gamble
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Andrew J. Harlan
John Scott Harrison
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Charles Hughes
Harvey H. Johnson
Lawrence M. Keitt
James Knox
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindaley
John McCulloch
James A. McDougall
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
Augustus E. Maxwell
John G. Miller
Smith Miller
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
John S. Phelps

Mr. James T. Pratt
William Preston
Charles Ready
William A. Richardson
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
Alvah Sablin
James L. Seward
Wilson Shannon
Samuel A. Smith
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
Theodore R. Westbrook
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

The Speaker voted in the negative.

So the House again refused to recommit the bill.

The question again recurred on the passage of the bill.

And being put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 109
Nays..... 97

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
Edward Ball

Mr. Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas H. Benton

Mr. George Bliss
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell

Mr. Samuel Caruthers
 Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
 Joseph R. Chandler
 James S. Chrisman
 Samuel Clark
 John P. Cook
 Leander M. Cox
 William Cullom
 Thomas W. Cumming
 Francis B. Cutting
 John G. Davis
 Thomas Davis
 John L. Dawson
 Alexander De Witt
 John Dick
 Edward Dickinson
 David T. Disney
 Augustus Drum
 Cyrus L. Dunham
 Norman Eddy
 Alfred P. Edgerton
 J. Wiley Edmands
 John M. Elliott
 Andrew Ellison
 William H. English
 Emerson Etheridge
 William Everhart
 E. Wilder Farley
 Thomas B. Florence
 James Gamble
 John Z. Goodrich
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Frederick W. Green

Mr. Alfred B. Greenwood
 Ben Edwards Grey
 Andrew J. Harlan
 John Scott Harrison
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Bernhart Henn
 Charles Hughes
 Harvey H. Johnson
 James Knox
 Alfred W. Lamb
 Milton S. Latham
 James J. Lindley
 William D. Lindsley
 Caleb Lyon
 John McCulloch
 James A. McDougall
 Daniel Mace
 John B. Macy
 Orasmus B. Matteson
 Ner Middlewarth
 John G. Miller
 Smith Miller
 David A. Noble
 Jesse O. Norton
 Edson B. Olds
 Mordecai Oliver
 Samuel W. Parker
 John S. Phelps
 Charles Ready
 William A. Richardson
 George Read Riddle
 David Ritchie

Mr. Thomas Ritchey
 John Robbins, jr.
 Peter Rowe
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 William H. Sapp
 Wilson Shannon
 Samuel A. Smith
 Augustus E. Solibru
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Richard H. Stanton
 Hester L. Stevins
 Christian M. Straub
 Andrew Stuart
 David Stuart
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 William M. Tweed
 Charles W. Upham
 Hiram Walbridge
 William A. Walker
 Samuel H. Walley
 Edward A. Warren
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 John Wentworth
 Tappan Wentworth
 Theodore R. Westbrook
 Richard Yates
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
 William Aiken
 David J. Bailey
 Thomas H. Bayly
 William Barkadale
 Nathan Belcher
 Peter H. Bell
 Thomas S. Bocock
 William W. Boyce
 John C. Breckinridge
 Samuel A. Bridges
 Preston S. Brooks
 Davis Carpenter
 John S. Cashie
 George W. Chase
 Elijah W. Chastain
 Thomas L. Clingman
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 Alfred H. Colquitt
 Burton Craig
 Samuel L. Crocker
 Carlton B. Curtis
 William Dunbar
 Ben C. Eastman
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Reuben E. Fenton
 Thomas T. Flagler
 John B. Franklin
 Thomas J. D. Fuller
 Joshua R. Giddings
 William O. Goode
 Galetha A. Grow
 William T. Hamilton

Mr. Aaron Harlan
 Sampson W. Harris
 Wiley P. Harris
 George Hastings
 Solomon G. Haven
 Harry Hibbard
 Junius Hillyer
 George S. Houston
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Colin M. Ingersoll
 Daniel T. Jones
 George W. Jones
 J. Glancy Jones
 Roland Jones
 Lawrence M. Keitt
 John Kerr
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 George W. Kittredge
 John Letcher
 Charles S. Lewis
 Moses Macdonald
 John McQueen
 James Maurice
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 Henry May
 John S. Millsom
 Edwin B. Morgan
 George W. Morrison
 William Murray
 Matthias H. Nichols
 Andrew Oliver
 James L. Orr

Mr. Jared V. Peck
 Rufus W. Peckham
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 Bishop Perkins
 John Perkins, jr.
 Philip Phillips
 Paulus Powell
 James T. Pratt
 Benjamin Pringle
 Richard C. Puryear
 David A. Reese
 Sion H. Rogers
 Thomas R. Saffin
 James L. Seward
 Henry M. Shaw
 Jacob Shower
 George A. Simmons
 Otho R. Singleton
 William Smith
 William R. Smith
 George W. Smyth
 Nathan T. Stratton
 John J. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Michael C. Trout
 Joshua Vansant
 Edward Wade
 Mike Walsh
 John Wheeler
 William H. Witte
 Daniel B. Wright
 Hendrick B. Wright.

So the bill was passed.

Mr. McDougall moved that the vote by which the bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

Pending the question on the latter motion,

Mr. Roland Jones moved, at 2 o'clock and 50 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

The question then recurred on the motion to lay upon the table the motion to reconsider.

And being put,

It was decided in the negative. { Yeas..... 97
Nays 106

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willie Allen
William Appleton
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Thomas H. Benton
George Bliss
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
John P. Cook
Leander M. Cox
William Cullom
Thomas W. Cumming
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
Alexander De Witt
John Dick
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
Augustus Drum
Cyrus L. Dunham
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmonds
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English

Mr. Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas B. Florence
James Gamble
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Andrew J. Harlan
John Scott Harrison
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Charles Hughes
Harvey H. Johnson
James Knox
Alfred W. Lamb
Milton S. Latham
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindaley
John McCulloch
James A. McDougall
John B. Macy
Orasmus B. Matteson
John G. Miller
Smith Miller
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
John S. Phelps
William Preston

Mr. Charles Ready
William A. Richardson
George Read Eddle
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Samuel L. Russell
William R. Sapp
Wilson Shannon
Samuel A. Smith
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Heator L. Stevens
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Elliha B. Washburne
Daniel Wells, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
Theodorie R. Westbrook
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollcoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
David J. Bailey
Thomas H. Bayly
William Barkdale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Peter H. Bell
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas S. Becock

Mr. William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Preston S. Brooks
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
John S. Cashie
George W. Chase
Elijah W. Chaastain
William M. Churchwell
Thomas L. Clingman

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb
Alfred H. Colquitt
Burton Craig
Samuel L. Crocker
Carlton B. Curtis
William Duabar
Ben C. Eastman
Charles J. Faulkner
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Hagler
John R. Franklin

Mr. Thomas J. D. Fuller
 Joshua R. Giddings
 William O. Goode
 John Z. Goodrich
 Galusha A. Grow
 William T. Hamilton
 Aaron Harlan
 Sampson W. Harris
 Wiley P. Harris
 George Hastings
 Solomon G. Haven
 Harry Hibbard
 Clement S. Hill
 Junius Hillyer
 George S. Houston
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Colin M. Ingersoll
 Daniel T. Jones
 George W. Jones
 J. Glancy Jones
 Roland Jones
 Lawrence M. Keitt
 John Kerr
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 George W. Kittredge

Mr. William H. Kurtz
 John Letcher
 Charles S. Lewis
 Caleb Lyon
 Moses Macdonald
 John McQueen
 James Maurice
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 Henry May
 Ner Middlesewarth
 John S. Millson
 Edwin B. Morgan
 George W. Morrison
 William Murray
 Andrew Oliver
 James L. Orr
 Jared V. Peck
 Rufus W. Peckham
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 Bishop Perkins
 John Perkins, jr.
 Philip Phillips
 Paulus Powell
 James T. Pratt

Mr. Benjamin Pringle
 Richard C. Puryear
 David A. Reese
 Sion H. Rogers
 Thomas Ruffin
 James L. Seward
 Henry M. Shaw
 Jacob Shower
 George A. Simmonds
 Otho R. Singleton
 William Smith
 George W. Smyth
 John J. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Michael C. Trout
 Joshua Vaneant
 Edward Wade
 Mike Walsh
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 John Wentworth
 John Wheeler
 William H. Witte
 Daniel B. Wright
 Hendrick B. Wright.

So the House refused to lay the motion to reconsider upon the table.
 The question then recurred on the motion to reconsider.

Pending which,

Mr. George W. Jones moved the previous question, which was seconded and the main question ordered to be put; when,

Mr. Richard H. Stanton moved, at 3 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put, Will the House reconsider the vote by which the said bill was passed?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 100
 Nays..... 94

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
 William Alken
 David J. Bailey
 Thomas H. Bayly
 William Barkedale
 William S. Barry
 Nathan Belcher
 Henry Bennett
 Samuel P. Benson
 Thomas S. Bocock
 William W. Boyce
 John C. Breckinridge
 Samuel A. Bridges
 Preston S. Brooks
 Davis Carpenter
 John S. Caskie
 George W. Chase
 Elijah W. Chastain
 William M. Churchwell
 Thomas L. Clingman
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 Alfred H. Colquitt
 Burton Craige

Mr. Samuel L. Crocker
 William Dunbar
 Ben C. Eastman
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Reuben E. Fenton
 John R. Franklin
 Thomas J. D. Fuller
 Joshua R. Giddings
 William O. Goode
 John Z. Goodrich
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Galusha A. Grow
 William T. Hamilton
 Aaron Harlan
 Sampson W. Harris
 Wiley P. Harris
 George Hastings
 Solomon G. Haven
 Harry Hibbard
 Clement S. Hill
 Junius Hillyer
 George S. Houston
 Theodore G. Hunt

Mr. Colin M. Ingersoll
 Daniel T. Jones
 George W. Jones
 Roland Jones
 Lawrence M. Keitt
 John Kerr
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 George W. Kittredge
 William H. Kurtz
 John Letcher
 Charles S. Lewis
 Moses Macdonald
 John McQueen
 James Maurice
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 Henry May
 Ner Middlesewarth
 John S. Millson
 Edwin B. Morgan
 George W. Morrison
 William Murray
 Andrew Oliver
 James L. Orr

Mr. Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Bishop Perkins
John Perkins, jr.
Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell
James T. Pratt
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
David A. Reese

Mr. Sion H. Rogers
Thomas Ruffin
James L. Seward
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Otho R. Singleton
William Smith
George W. Smyth
John J. Taylor

Mr. Isaac Teller
Michael C. Trout
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
Mike Walsh
Israel Washburn, jr.
John Wentworth
William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Thomas H. Benton
George Bliss
Francis M. Bristow
Lewis D. Campbell
Samuel Caruthers
Joseph B. Chandler
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
John P. Cook
Leander M. Cox
William Cullom
Thomas W. Cumming
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
Cyrus L. Dunham
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmonds
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart

Mr. E. Wilder Farley
Thomas B. Florence
James Gamble
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Andrew J. Harlan
John Scott Harrison
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Charles Hughes
Harvey H. Johnson
James Knox
Alfred W. Lamb
Milton S. Latham
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindaley
Caleb Lyon
John McCulloch
James A. McDougall
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
John G. Miller
Smith Miller
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
John S. Phelps
William Preston

Mr. Charles Ready
William A. Richardson
George Read Eiddle
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
Wilson Shannon
Samuel A. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Hester L. Stevens
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne
Daniels Wells, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
Theodorick R. Westbrook
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the vote by which the bill was passed was reconsidered.

The question again recurring on the passage of the bill,

Mr. George W. Jones moved that it be recommitted to the select committee of thirteen.

Pending which,

Mr. George W. Jones moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. Etheridge moved, at 3 o'clock and 30 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

The question then recurring on the demand for the previous question, it was seconded and the main question ordered to be put; when,

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton moved, at 3 o'clock and 33 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put, Shall the bill be recommitted to the select committee of thirteen?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 107
 { Nays..... 91
 The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
 William Aiken
 David J. Bailey
 Thomas H. Bayly
 William Barkedale
 Nathan Belcher
 Peter H. Bell
 Henry Bennett
 Samuel P. Benson
 Thomas S. Bocock
 William W. Boyce
 John C. Breckenridge
 Samuel A. Bridges
 Prentiss S. Brooks
 Lewis D. Campbell
 Davis Carpenter
 John S. Caske
 George W. Chase
 Elijah W. Chastain
 William M. Churchwell
 Thomas L. Clingman
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 Alfred H. Colquitt
 Burton Craig
 Samuel L. Crocker
 William Cullom
 William Dunbar
 Ben C. Eastman
 William H. English
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Reuben E. Fenton
 Thomas T. Flagler
 John E. Franklin
 Thomas J. D. Fuller
 Joshua R. Giddings
 William O. Goode

Mr. John Z. Goodrich
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Galusha A. Grow
 William T. Hamilton
 Aaron Harlan
 Sampson W. Harris
 Wiley P. Harris
 George Hastings
 Solomon G. Haven
 Harry Hibbard
 Clement S. Hill
 Junius Hillyer
 George S. Houston
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Colin M. Ingersoll
 Daniel T. Jones
 George W. Jones
 J. Glancy Jones
 Roland Jones
 Lawrence M. Keitt
 John Kerr
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 George W. Kittredge
 William H. Kurtz
 John Letcher
 Charles S. Lewis
 Caleb Lyon
 Moses Macdonald
 John McQueen
 James Maurice
 Henry May
 Ner Middlewarth
 John S. Millson
 Edwin B. Morgan
 George W. Morrison
 William Murray

Mr. Andrew Oliver
 James L. Orr
 Jared V. Peck
 Rufus W. Peckham
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 Bishop Perkins
 John Perkins, jr.
 Philip Phillips
 Paulus Powell
 Benjamin Pringle
 Richard C. Puryear
 David A. Reese
 Sion H. Rogers
 Thomas Rufin
 Samuel L. Russell
 William R. Sapp
 James L. Seward
 Henry M. Shaw
 Jacob Shower
 George A. Simmons
 Otho B. Singleton
 William Smith
 George W. Smyth
 Nathan T. Stratton
 David Stuart
 John J. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Michael C. Trout
 Joshua Vaneant
 Edward Wade
 Mike Walsh
 John Wheeler
 William H. Witte
 Daniel B. Wright
 Hendrick B. Wright

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
 Willis Allen
 William Appleton
 Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
 William S. Barry
 Thomas H. Benton
 George Bliss
 Francis M. Bristow
 Robert M. Bugg
 Samuel Caruthers
 Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
 Joseph R. Chandler
 James S. Chrisman
 Samuel Clark
 John P. Cook
 Leander M. Cox
 Thomas W. Cumming
 Francis B. Cutting
 John G. Davis
 Thomas Davis
 John L. Dawson

Mr. Alexander De Witt
 Edward Dickinson
 David T. Disney
 Cyrus L. Dunham
 Norman Eddy
 Alfred P. Edgerton
 J. Wiley Edmonds
 John M. Elliott
 Andrew Ellison
 Emerson Etheridge
 William Everhart
 E. Wilder Farley
 Thomas B. Florence
 James Gamble
 Frederick W. Green
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 Ben Edwards Grey
 Andrew J. Harlan
 John Scott Harrison
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Bernhart Hess

Mr. Charles Hughes
 Harvey H. Johnson
 James Knox
 Alfred W. Lamb
 Milton S. Latham
 James J. Lindley
 William D. Linsdaley
 John McCulloch
 James A. McDougall
 John B. Macy
 Orasmus B. Matteson
 Smith Miller
 Matthias H. Nichols
 David A. Noble
 Jesse O. Norton
 Edson B. Olds
 Mordecai Oliver
 Samuel W. Parker
 John S. Phelps
 James T. Pratt
 William Preston

Mr. Charles Ready
William A. Richardson
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Alvah Sabin
Wilson Shannon
Samuel A. Smith
Augustus R. Sollers
Hector L. Stevens

Mr. Andrew Stuart
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley

Mr. Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodore R. Westbrook
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the bill was recommitted to the select committee of thirteen.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 554. An act to authorize the issue of a register to the barque Foundling, of Boston;

H. R. 656. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a register to the barque Martha;

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Cobb gave notice, under the rule, of his intention to move for leave to introduce a bill to increase the pension of Micajah Ricketts, of Alabama.

Mr. Breckinridge moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to move that the bill of the Senate (No. 96) entitled "An act to provide for the payment of such creditors of the late republic of Texas as are comprehended in the act of Congress of September 9, 1850," be made a special order for Thursday, the 1st day of February next.

Pending which,

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the vote by which the bill of the House No. 296, (Pacific railroad,) was recommitted to the select committee of thirteen be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was passed over for the present.

And then,

On motion of Mr. McDougall, at 3 o'clock and 55 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1855.

The following petitions and other papers were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Haven: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, for the extension of the provisions of the bounty land laws of 1850, so as to allow each soldier of the war of 1812, 160 acres of bounty land;

Also, the petition of citizens of the State of New York, of like import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Dawson: The petition of William Parkinson, a soldier of 1812, accompanied by a petition of citizens of Washington county, Pennsylvania, on his behalf, that he be granted a pension.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Hughes: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, for an extension of the bounty land law of 1850; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Chamberlain: The petition of Moses J. Hill, of Lagrange county, Indiana, for relief, on account of expenditures incurred by him in making improvements in shells and shot for the naval service; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Haven: The joint resolution of the legislature of the State of New York, against the extension and renewal of the patents of Cyrus H. McCormick, Obed Hussey, or Moore and Hascall, or either of them, for mowing or reaping machines; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Phillips: The petition of citizens of the city of Mobile, Alabama, relative to the construction of a custom-house in said city; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Tweed: The petition of William Brown, heretofore presented December 7, 1853; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Pringle: The petition of William Kendall, for compensation for losses sustained by him as sutler in the army of the United States during the war with Mexico; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Smith Miller: The petition of the widow of John Shircliff, a soldier in the war of 1812, for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Faulker: The petition of citizens of the State of Virginia, that Joseph McCormick be granted a petition; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mr. Harlan, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom were referred the petitions of W. W. Withenbury and others, and of Henry Gerdtz and Carsten Nohrden, of Charleston, South Carolina, reported a bill (H. R. 662) to change the names of the American-built vessels J. H. Holmes and Franklin Pierce; which was read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Edgerton, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be requested to communicate to this House, at his earliest convenience, what steps have been taken to carry out the stipulations of the treaty with the Delaware Indians of May 6, 1864, as far as relates to the lands ceded in trust to the United States; also, all the evidence in his department touching the unlawful occupation of portions of that cession, or any other Indian lands in Kansas Territory, or any trespasses on the same, and what participation any army officers at Fort Leavenworth have had in making claims and settlements on the Delaware cession, or any other Indian lands; also, whether any officers of the civil, military, or Indian service in that Territory, have been charged with speculating

in Indian lands, and if so, the evidence ; also, whether any complaints have been made that the military does not respond there to the proper demands of the Interior Department, and if so, the evidence ; also, whether any charges of official delinquency have been made against the Commissioner of Indian Affairs ; if so, what ; and all the information in the Interior Department connected with these inquiries.

Mr. Edgerton moved that the vote by which the said resolution was agreed to be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table ; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Fuller, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 663) to amend and consolidate the navigation, revenue, and collection laws of the United States, and for other purposes ; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next be set apart for the consideration of business relating to the Territories, provided that railroad bills shall not be considered.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table ; which latter motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, by unanimous consent, the letter and accompanying papers from the Secretary of War, relative to the military defences at Proctor's landing, which were yesterday laid upon the table, were taken up and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Mace, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 664) for the relief of Andrew Jackson Heaton ; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Whitfield, by unanimous consent, introduced bills of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 665. A bill granting the right of way to the Wyandott and Pawnee railroad through the public lands in Kansas Territory ;

H. R. 666. A bill granting "Fort Scott Reserve" to the Territory of Kansas, for school purposes ;

which bills were severally read a first and second time, and referred as follows, viz :

H. R. 665, to the Committee on Public Lands ;

H. R. 666, to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Tweed, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of William Brown, for the purpose of referring the same to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mr. Pennington, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 667) for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Newark and Passaic river, and of Newark bay, in New Jersey ; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Andrew Stuart, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Paul S. Ridgway, of Ohio, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 668) for his relief ; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Cutting, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (No. 555) to authorize the issue of a register to the barque Colanist, by the name of the Lily, was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Faulkner, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 543) "for the construction of a military road in Oregon Territory," reported the same without amendment, accompanied by a report in writing thereon.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and that the bill and report be printed.

Mr. Faulkner, by unanimous consent, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of Virginia in favor of granting a pension to Joseph McCormick, reported a bill (H. R. 669) for that purpose, accompanied by a report in writing thereon; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Faulkner, by unanimous consent, from the same committee, reported a bill (H. R. 670) authorizing the Secretary of War to purchase sites, and contract for the erection of arsenals in Texas and New Mexico, and in the Territory of Washington or Oregon; which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Faulkner, by unanimous consent, from the same committee, to whom was referred a resolution of the Senate (S. Res. 21) in relation to surgeons' mates of the army of the Revolution, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered. That the said resolution be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and printed.

Mr. Lindsley, by unanimous consent, introduced bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 671. A bill for preserving and improving the harbor of Sandusky City, Ohio;

H. R. 672. A bill for completing the west pier at Huron, Ohio; and

H. R. 673. A bill for the repair and completion of the east and west piers at Vermillion, Ohio;

which bills were severally read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Seward, by unanimous consent, presented the petition of 125 citizens of Georgia, in favor of the establishment of a navy-yard at Brunswick, Georgia; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. George W. Jones having called up the motion submitted by him yesterday, to lay upon the table the motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill of the House (No. 295) to provide for the establishment of a railroad and telegraphic communication between the Atlantic States

and the Pacific ocean, and for other purposes, was recommitted to the select committee of thirteen,

The question was put, viz : Shall the said motion to reconsider be laid on the table ?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas 95
Nays 94

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
Thomas H. Bayly
Edward Ball
Nathan Belcher
Peter H. Bell
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Prigton S. Brooks
Davis Carpenter
John S. Caakie
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Elijah W. Chastain
William M. Churchwell
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Alfred H. Colquitt
Burton Craig
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis
Ben C. Eastman
Charles J. Faulkner
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Flagler
John R. Franklin
Thomas J. D. Fuller

Mr. Joshua R. Giddings
William O. Goode
Henry C. Goodwin
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Solomon G. Haven
George S. Houston
Theodore G. Hunt
Colin M. Ingersoll
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
Zedekiah Kidwell
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
John McQueen
James Maurice
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
George W. Morrison
William Murray
Andrew Oliver
James L. Orr
Asa Packard

Mr. Jared V. Peck
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Bishop Perkins
Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell
James T. Pratt
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
David A. Reese
Eion H. Rogers
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Charles Skelton
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
John J. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Michael C. Trout
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
Mike Walsh
John Wheeler
William H. Witte
Hendrick B. Wright

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Thomas H. Benton
George Bliss
Francis M. Bristow
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
John P. Cook
Leander M. Cox
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
John Dick

Mr. David T. Disney
Augustus Drum
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmonds
Andrew Ellison
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas B. Florence
James Gamble
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Andrew J. Harlan
Wiley P. Harris
John Scott Harrison
Thomas A. Hendricks

Mr. Bernhart Hena
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Harvey H. Johnson
Roland Jones
James Knox
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindaley
John McCulloch
James A. McDougall
John B. Macy
Orasmus B. Matteson
Smith Miller
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble

Mr. Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
William Preston
William A. Richardson
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Alvah Sabin
Otho R. Singleton

Mr. Samuel A. Smith
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Hiram Walbridge

Mr. William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodor R. Westbrook
Daniel B. Wright
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The House then resumed the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 651) for the relief of Samuel A. Belden & Co., heretofore reported from the Committee on Foreign Affairs; the pending question being on the demand for the previous question.

Mr. Millson having withdrawn his demand for the previous question, the Speaker stated the question to be on the motion heretofore submitted by Mr. Skelton, to commit the bill to a Committee of the Whole House.

After debate, and pending the said question,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 107
Nays 64

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
William Appleton
Thomas H. Bayly
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Nathan Belcher
Peter H. Bell
Samuel P. Benson
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
William M. Churchwell
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
Carlton B. Curtis
Thomas Davis
John Dick
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
William Dunbar
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmonds
Emerson Etheridge

Mr. William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
John R. Franklin
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
Joshua R. Giddings
John Z. Goodrich
Ben Edwards Grey
Aaron Harlan
Andrew J. Harlan
John Scott Harrison
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Colin M. Ingersoll
Harvey H. Johnson
J. Glancy Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
James H. Lane
Caleb Lyon
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
Daniel Mace

Mr. John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
John S. Millson
Jesse O. Norton
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Bishop Perkins
James T. Pratt
Benjamin Pringle
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Sion H. Rogers
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Samuel A. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton

Mr. Richard H. Stanton
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Michael C. Trout

Mr. William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne

Mr. Israel Washburn, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodoric R. Westbrook
John Wheeler
Richard Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. David J. Bailey
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Henry Bennett
Thomas H. Benton
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Davis Carpenter
John S. Caskie
George W. Chase
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Alfred H. Colquitt
Moses B. Corwin
Burton Craige
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
Cyrus L. Dunham

Mr. Ben C. Eastman
Andrew Ellison
Alfred B. Greenwood
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Clement S. Hill
George S. Houston
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
Roland Jones
Zedekiah Kidwell
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
Milton S. Latham
John Letcher
William D. Lindsay
John McQueen
Smith Miller

Mr. George W. Morrison
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Edson B. Olds
James L. Orr
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
Richard C. Puryear
Thomas Ruffin
James L. Seward
Henry M. Shaw
Otho R. Singleton
Charles Skelton
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
Hester L. Stevens
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Mike Walsh
Daniel B. Wright.

So the motion was agreed to.

And the House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seymour reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 117) to provide for the ascertainment and satisfaction of claims of American citizens for spoliations committed by the French prior to the 31st day of July, 1801, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. John G. Davis gave notice, under the rule, of his intention to move for leave to introduce a bill for the relief of Willis Bennet, of Sullivan county, Indiana.

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the bill of the House No. 117 (French spoliations) shall cease in two hours after its consideration is resumed, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending, or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

The same having been read,

Mr. Orr moved that it be laid on the table.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Warren, at 3 o'clock and 12 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1855.

The following petitions, memorial, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Russell: The petition of citizens of York and Adams counties, Pennsylvania, for a mail-route from East Berlin to York, via King's Tavern and Farmer's Post Office, and that the present route between East Berlin and Abbottstown, No. 9318, be discontinued; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Pratt: The petition of Major Charles Larrabee, an invalid pensioner, for further relief.

By Mr. Barry: The petition of citizens of the State of Mississippi, that John H. Goolsby, an invalid of the war of 1812, be granted a pension.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Curtis: The petition of Azariah Kelley, Nancy Kelley, and Elizabeth Smith, children and heirs of Edward Kelley, for compensation for services rendered and property taken for the public service during the war of the Revolution; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. John G. Davis: The petition of Willis Bennet, of Sullivan county, Indiana, for relief, on account of an error committed by the officers of the government, by which he was deprived of the products of his labor in consequence of the failure of the title to a certain tract of land entered by him; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Curtis: The petition of Lorin Blodget, for relief against the Smithsonian Institution, on account of its refusing to pay him for certain labors and researches made by order of said Institution, in physical science; which was referred to the Select Committee on the Smithsonian Institution.

By Mr. Eastman: The petition of citizens of the State of Wisconsin, against the renewal of the patents of C. H. McCormick, Obed Hussey, and Moore & Hascall, or of either of them; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Edgerton: The petition of citizens of the State of Ohio, for a mail-route from Wiltshire to Van Wert, in Van Wert county, in said State; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Maxwell: The petition of George W. Call, Edward Finnigan, and Anson Bangs, of the State of Florida, that the pre-emptive right to the State of the public lands be granted, to aid in building certain railroads; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne: The petition of C. A. Scott, widow of L. L. Scott, that the government return to her a certain amount of money paid to the United States by her said husband as surety; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Howe: The memorial of the Board of Trade of the city of Pittsburg, relative to the improvement of the navigation of the Ohio river; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Chandler: The petition of T. B. Tilden, asking Congress to purchase, for distribution, a new and correct edition of Mitchell's Universal Atlas; which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

By Mr. Upham: Four petitions of citizens of the State of Delaware, for the reduction of ocean postage; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Also, four petitions of citizens of the State of Delaware, that this government offer to mediate between the belligerents of Europe; which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Pringle: Two petitions of citizens of the State of New York, against the renewal of the patents of McCormick and Hussey, and Moore and Hascall; which were referred to the Committee on Patents.

Also, the joint resolution of the legislature of the State of New York, of like import with the foregoing; which was referred to the same committee.

By Mr. Pennington: The petition of Susan T. E. Williamson, widow of Commander Charles L. Williamson, deceased, for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Howe: The petition of John Clark, late a lieutenant in the United States army, for arrears of pay due him as said officer—heretofore presented in the Senate of the United States, January 3, 1831; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Etheridge, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of James Hughes, made a report thereon, accompanied by a joint resolution (H. Res. 46) for his relief; which resolution was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for tomorrow, and the resolution and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Clark, by unanimous consent, introduced bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 674. A bill making appropriation for the improvement of the harbor of New Buffalo, Michigan;

H. R. 675. A bill making appropriation for the improvement of the harbor at the mouth of South Black river, Michigan;

H. R. 676. A bill making appropriation for the improvement of the harbor at the mouth of Muskegon river, Michigan;

H. R. 677. A bill making appropriation for the improvement of the harbor at the mouth of Grand river, Michigan;

H. R. 678. A bill making appropriation for the improvement of the harbor of Black Lake, Michigan;

H. R. 679. A bill making appropriation for the improvement of the harbor at St. Joseph, Michigan;

which bills were severally read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Speaker having announced as the business first in order, the motion submitted by Mr. Orr, and pending when the House adjourned yesterday, to lay upon the table the resolution of Mr. Thomas H. Bayly to close debate on the bill of the House No. 117 (French spoliations) in two hours after its consideration is resumed,

Mr. Orr withdrew his said motion, and moved to amend the said resolution by striking out the words, "in two hours after its considera-

tion," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "*to-morrow, at 3 o'clock p. m.*"

Pending the question on the said amendment,

Mr. George W. Jones moved to amend the same by striking out "3," and inserting "1" in lieu thereof; which motion was disagreed to.

The question again recurring on the said amendment,

Mr. George W. Jones moved to amend the same by striking out "3," and inserting "2" in lieu thereof; which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put, Will the House agree to the amendment submitted by Mr. Orr?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

The resolution as amended was then agreed to.

So it was

Resolved, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the bill of the House No. 117, (French spoliations,) shall cease to-morrow, at 3 o'clock p. m., &c.

Mr. Orr moved that the vote by which the said resolution was agreed to be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Warren, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seymour reported that the Committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 117) to provide for the ascertainment and satisfaction of claims of American citizens for spoliations committed by the French prior to the 31st day of July, 1801, had come to no resolution thereon.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the amendment of this House to the bill of the Senate (No. 361) for the relief of Frederick Vincent, administrator of James Le Caze, survivor of Le Caze and Mallet.

The Senate have also passed, without amendment, bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 190. An act for the relief of William Hankins.

H. R. 433. An act for the relief of James Wright, jr., of the State of Tennessee.

H. R. 458. An act for the relief of Joseph Webb.

H. R. 482. An act for the relief of Zebina Rawson.

H. R. 565. An act to repeal an act for the relief of the legal representatives of Samuel Prioleau, deceased.

And then he withdrew.

Two messages in writing were received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary; which were handed in at the Speaker's table.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Francis M. Bristow, of Kentucky, a member of the select committee on the Pacific railroad, in the place of Mr. Presley Ewing, deceased.

On motion of Mr. Phelps, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (No. 547) entitled "An act for the relief of James Pool," was

was taken from the Speaker's table, read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Keitt, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (No. 523) entitled "An act to establish a court for the investigation of claims against the United States," was taken from the Speaker's table, read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, at 3 o'clock and 15 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1855.

The following petitions, memorial, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Simmons: The petition of Sally Sibley, widow of John Sibley, of Clinton county, New York, for compensation for horse, sleigh, and harness, taken and used by the United States, during the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. David Ritchie: The petition of F. A. Heisely, a soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension.

By Mr. Fenton: The petition and papers of David Eatop, of Portland, New York, for arrears of pension.

By Mr. Fenton: The petition of Capt. John Hall, heretofore presented February 13, 1837.

Ordered, That said petitions and papers be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Bennett: The petition of George W. Samson and Marie S. Johnson, heirs and legal representatives of Capt. Simeon Samson, engaged in the naval service of the United States during the war of the Revolution, for pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Fenton: The petition of John Yaw, a soldier of the war of 1812, for bounty land; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Howe: The petition of Jacob Grubb, of Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, for compensation for services during the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Wheeler: The memorial of Husted and Kroehl, submarine engineers, submitting a proposition to remove, without expense to the government, all the rocks obstructing the navigation in "Hell Gate," East river, making the same a clear river passage to a depth of twenty-two feet at mean low water.

By Mr. Andrew Oliver: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, for the refunding the duties paid on certain importations from the British provinces.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Smyth: The petition of citizens of the State of Texas, for a mail-route from Bonham to Greenville, in said State.

By Mr. Eastman: The petition of citizens of Richland county, in the State of Wisconsin, for a mail-route from Madison to La Crosse, in said State.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Faulkner: The letter of J. Manuel Gallegos, in relation to the defenceless condition of New Mexico; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Simmons: The concurrent resolutions of the State of New York, against the extension of the patents of McCormick, Hussey, or Moore & Hascall, or of either of them, for reaping machines; which were referred to the Committee on Patents.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the following messages received yesterday from the President of the United States, viz:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate to Congress herewith a communication of this date, from the Secretary of the Interior, with accompanying papers, and recommend that the appropriation therein asked for be made.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, January 22, 1855.

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith a report of the Secretary of the Interior and the Postmaster General, together with accompanying documents, communicating what has been done in execution of the act of Congress of August 2, 1854, entitled "An act to provide for the accommodation of the courts of the United States in the cities of New York and Philadelphia."

I have deemed it best, under the circumstances, not to enter into contracts for the purchase of sites, but to submit all proposals made, in response to public advertisement for several weeks in the principal newspapers in each of the cities designated, to Congress, for such action as it may deem proper to take, in fulfilment of the original design of the before-mentioned act.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, January 24, 1855.

On motion of Mr. Witte,

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents be referred to a select committee of five members, and printed.

The Speaker thereupon appointed Mr. Witte, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Appleton, of Massachusetts; Mr. Tweed, of New York; Mr. Brooks, of South Carolina; and Mr. Knox, of Illinois, the said committee.

Mr. De Witt, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 361. An act for the relief of Frederic Vincent, administrator of James Le Caze, survivor of Le Caze and Mallet; and

S. 555. An act to authorize the issue of a register to the barque Colonist, by the name of the Lily; when,

The Speaker signed the same.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary, notifying the House that he did, this day, approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 656. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a register to the barque Martha;

H. R. 246. An act for the relief of the children and heirs of Major General Baron De Kalb;

H. R. 389. An act for the relief of Sylvester Humphrey, and the heirs of Alexander Humphrey, deceased.

Mr. Franklin gave notice, under the rule, of his intention to move for leave to introduce a bill to re-establish Snow Hill, Maryland, as a separate collection district.

On motion of Mr. Thomas H. Bayly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seymour reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 117) to provide for the ascertainment and satisfaction of claims of American citizens for spoliation committed by the French prior to the 31st day of July, 1801, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Bocock, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read and referred to the Committee on Printing, viz:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be requested to communicate to this House a copy of Commodore M. C. Perry's report of the late expedition to Japan, and that ten thousand extra copies of the same, together with the maps, charts, and drawings, accompanying it, be printed for the use of this House, and that five hundred copies additional be printed for the use of said Commodore Perry.

On motion of Mr. Breckinridge, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Benjamin Tuggle, for the purpose of presenting the same to one of the executive departments.

The said papers were thereupon handed to Mr. Breckinridge.

Mr. J. Glancy Jones moved that the vote by which the bill of the Senate (No. 523) entitled "An act to establish a court for the investigation of claims against the United States," was yesterday referred to the Committee of Claims, be reconsidered.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Sollers, at 3 o'clock and 55 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1855. .

The following petitions, memorial, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Kurtz: The petition of Andrew Chapman, son and heir of George Chapman, a soldier of the war of the Revolution, for certain arrears of pension due his said father for said services; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. McMullen: The petition of Thomas Woodward, coroner of Washington county, District of Columbia, for relief in relation to his fees and emoluments of office; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Goodwin: The memorial of the Board of Trade of the city of Oswego, New York, for refunding duties paid on Canadian products at Oswego, subsequent to October 18, 1854;

Also, the petition of citizens of Oswego, New York, of like import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Simmons: The joint resolution of the legislature of the State of New York, relative to the improvement of St. Clair Flats.

Ordered, That said petition, memorial, and resolution be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Matteson: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, for an amendment of the bounty-land law of 1850, so as to grant 160 acres of land to each soldier who served during the war of 1812.

By Mr. Meacham: Additional papers in the case of Emanuel Stedman.

Ordered, That said petition and papers be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Goodrich: The petition of citizens of Stockbridge, in the State of Massachusetts, for the adjustment of all national difficulties by umpire, without war; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Vansant: The petition of Richard Pattison, administrator of Juliet Onion, that the benefits of the acts of 1832 and 1848, for revolutionary services, may be extended to the children of said Juliet Onion; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Peck: Additional papers in the case of Oscar W. Turk; which were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Fenton: The petition of Margaret M. Davison, the only surviving child and heir of Adam J. Pickard, a soldier in the war of 1812, for bounty land; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Wheeler: The application of James Harrison, of New York, a soldier of the Black Hawk and Florida wars, for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mr. Fuller, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the joint resolution of the House (No. 20) authorizing the President to give the requisite notice for terminating our reciprocity treaties of commerce and navigation in certain cases, reported the same without amendment.

Pending the question on its engrossment,

Mr. Haven moved the previous question ; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

Pending the question on its passage,

Mr. Boyce moved that the vote by which it was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time be reconsidered ; which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put, Shall the resolution pass ?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

So the resolution was passed.

Mr. Haven moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table ; which latter motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said joint resolution.

Mr. Sage, by unanimous consent, presented joint resolutions of the legislature of the State of New York, in relation to the improvement of the St. Clair Flats ; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the committees to make reports relating to territorial business, for the purpose of reference ; when,

Mr. John L. Taylor, from the Committee on Territories, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 542) making an appropriation for completing the public buildings of Oregon Territory, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

Mr. John L. Taylor, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Mr. Bernhisel, reported a joint resolution (H. Res. 46) authorizing the legislative assembly of Utah to continue their sessions for a term not exceeding sixty days, instead of forty days, as heretofore provided ; which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farley, from the same committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the legislative assembly of Minnesota Territory, reported a bill (H. R. 680) making appropriations for improving certain military roads in the Territory of Minnesota ; which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Richardson,

Ordered, That the Committee on Territories be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the legislative assembly of New Mexico, for the preservation of the archives, &c., of said Territory, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Richardson, from the Committee on Territories, reported a bill of the following title, viz :

H. R. 681. A bill to provide for the erection of public buildings in the Territory of Nebraska ;

which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Richardson, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 605) to provide for the erection of public buildings in the Territory of Kansas, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

Mr. Faulkner, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the petition of citizens of Marion county, Missouri, for an appropriation in aid of the establishment of certain roads in Nebraska, Washington, and Oregon Territories, and the joint resolutions of the legislative assembly of Washington Territory, relative to an appropriation for the erection of a depository for arms at the capital of said Territory, made adverse reports thereon; which were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Faulkner,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. George W. Jones on the 9th instant, relative to the application of the principles of the Florida armed occupation act to the Territories of New Mexico and Utah, with a view to suppress Indian hostilities in said Territories, and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of Frederic Griffing, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 682) for his relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for tomorrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, by unanimous consent, from the same committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Charles E. Sherman, attorney in fact of Robert Harrison and others, made a report thereon, accompanied by a joint resolution (H. Res. 47) to fulfil the stipulations of the 9th article of the treaty of 1819 between the United States and Spain; which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. McMullen moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the private calendar; which motion was disagreed to.

The House then resumed the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 651) for the relief of Samuel A. Belden & Co., heretofore reported from the Committee on Foreign Affairs; the pending question being on the motion of Mr. Skelton to commit the said bill to a Committee of the Whole House.

Mr. Edgerton moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the question was put, Shall the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole?

And it was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 81
 Nays..... 96

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
 Willis Allen
 David J. Bailey
 William Barkdale
 William S. Barry
 Thomas H. Benton
 Thomas S. Bocock
 William W. Boyce
 Samuel A. Bridges
 Francis M. Bristow
 John S. Caskie
 Elijah W. Chastain
 James S. Chrisman
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 Alfred H. Colquitt
 Burton Craige
 Carlton B. Curtis
 John L. Dawson
 Alfred P. Edgerton
 Andrew Ellison
 William H. English
 Thomas J. D. Fuller
 William O. Goode
 William T. Hamilton
 Sampson W. Harris
 Wiley P. Harris
 George Hastings

Mr. Thomas A. Hendricks
 Bernhart Henn
 Harry Hibbard
 Junius Hillyer
 George S. Houston
 Colin M. Ingersoll
 Harvey H. Johnson
 Daniel T. Jones
 George W. Jones
 J. Glancy Jones
 Roland Jones
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 George W. Kittredge
 William H. Kurtz
 Alfred W. Lamb
 James H. Lane
 John Letcher
 Charles S. Lewis
 Samuel Lilly
 William D. Lindale
 Caleb Lyon
 Moses Macdonald
 Fayette McMullen
 John McQueen
 Smith Miller
 John S. Millson
 George W. Morrison

Mr. William Murray
 Matthias H. Nichols
 Jared V. Peck
 Rufus W. Peckham
 Bishop Perkins
 John S. Phelps
 Paulus Powell
 Peter Rowe
 Thomas Ruffin
 Samuel L. Russell
 James L. Seward
 Jacob Shower
 Otho R. Singleton
 Charles Skelton
 Samuel A. Smith
 William R. Smith
 George W. Smyth
 David Stuart
 John J. Taylor
 Michael C. Trout
 Joshua Vaneant
 Mike Walsh
 John Wheeler
 William H. Witte
 Daniel B. Wright
 Hendrick B. Wright
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken
 William Appleton
 Thomas H. Bayly
 Edward Ball
 Nathan Belcher
 Peter H. Bell
 Henry Bennett
 Samuel P. Benson
 George Bliss
 Robert M. Bugg
 Lewis D. Campbell
 Davis Carpenter
 Samuel Caruthers
 Joseph R. Chandler
 George W. Chase
 Thomas L. Clingman
 John P. Cook
 Moses B. Corwin
 Samuel L. Crocker
 William Cullom
 Thomas Davis
 Alexander De Witt
 John Dick
 Edward Dickinson
 William Dunbar
 J. Wiley Edmonds
 Henry A. Edmundson
 Thomas D. Eliot
 Emerson Etheridge
 William Everhart
 E. Wilder Farley
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Reuben E. Fenton

Mr. Thomas B. Florence
 John R. Franklin
 James Gamble
 John Z. Goodrich
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 Ben Edwards Grey
 Aaron Harlan
 Solomon G. Haven
 Clement S. Hill
 Thomas M. Howe
 Charles Hughes
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Lawrence M. Keitt
 John Kerr
 James Knox
 Milton S. Latham
 John McCulloch
 James A. McDougall
 John B. Macy
 Orsamus B. Matteson
 James Maurice
 James Meacham
 Ner Middleswarth
 Edwin B. Morgan
 Jesse O. Norton
 Mordecai Oliver
 Samuel W. Parker
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 John Perkins, jr.
 Philip Phillips
 James T. Pratt

Mr. William Preston
 Benjamin Pringle
 Richard C. Puryear
 Charles Ready
 David A. Reese
 Thomas Ritchey
 Slon H. Rogers
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 William R. Sapp
 Wilson Shannon
 George A. Simmons
 William Smith
 Augustus R. Sollers
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Richard H. Stanton
 Heator L. Stevens
 Christian M. Straub
 Andrew Stuart
 John L. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 William M. Tweed
 Charles W. Upham
 Edward Wade
 William A. Walker
 Samuel H. Walley
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 John Wentworth
 Richard Yates.

So the House refused to commit the bill.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on the passage of the bill, by unanimous consent the bill was amended by inserting before "seizure" the word "*illegal*."

Mr. George W. Jones moved the previous question ; which was seconded and the main question ordered and put, viz : Shall the bill pass?

And it was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 82
Nays..... 88

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Appleton
Thomas H. Bayly
Edward Ball
Nathan Belcher
Peter H. Bell
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas H. Benton
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt
John Dick
Edward Dickinson
William Dunbar
J. Wiley Edwards
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Eliot
Emerson Etheridge

Mr. William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Reuben E. Fenton
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Aaron Harlan
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Theodore G. Hunt
John Kerr
James Knox
Milton S. Latham
Caleb Lyon
James A. McDougall
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Augustus E. Maxwell
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
Jesse O. Norton
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
John Perkins, jr.
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt

Mr. Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
David A. Reese
Thomas Ritchey
Sion H. Rogers
Peter Rowe
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
Wilson Shannon
George A. Simmons
William Smith
William R. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
John L. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Benjamin W. Upham
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodore R. Westbrook
Richard Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
David J. Bailey
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
Samuel A. Bridges
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Alfred H. Colquitt
Burton Craige
Carlton B. Curtis
John G. Davis

Mr. John L. Dawson
David T. Disney
Augustus Drum
Cyrus L. Dunham
Alfred P. Edgerton
John M. Elliott
Andrew Elison
William H. English
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
William O. Goode
William T. Hamilton
Sampson W. Harris
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven

Mr. Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hibbard
Junius Hillyer
George S. Houston
Colin M. Ingersoll
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Roland Jones
Zedekiah Kidwell
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis

Mr. Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindaley
Moses Macdonald
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
George W. Morrison
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
James L. Orr
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck

Mr. Bishop Perkins
John S. Phelps
Charles Ready
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
James L. Seward
Henry M. Shaw
Otho R. Singleton
Charles Skelton
Samuel A. Smith
George W. Smyth
Christian M. Straub

Mr. David Stuart
John J. Taylor
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Joshua Vansant
Mike Walsh
Edward A. Warren
John Wheeler
William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the bill was rejected.

Mr. Edgerton moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

And the question being put on the latter motion,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 88
Nays 92

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
David J. Bailey
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Thomas S. Bocoock
William W. Boyce
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
John S. Caahie
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Alfred H. Colquitt
Barton Craige
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
Augustus Drum
Cyrus L. Dusham
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
John M. Elkhott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
William J. Goode
William T. Hamilton

Mr. Sampson W. Harris
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Junius Hillyer
George S. Houston
Colin M. Ingersoll
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Zedekiah Kidwell
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindaley
Moses Macdonald
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
George W. Morrison

Mr. William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Jared V. Peck
Bishop Perkins
John S. Phelps
Paulus Powell
Charles Ready
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
James L. Seward
Henry M. Shaw
Otho R. Singleton
Charles Skelton
George W. Smyth
Hector L. Stevens
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
John J. Taylor
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Joshua Vansant
Mike Walsh
Edward A. Warren
John Wheeler
William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright
Felix K. Zollicoffer.



Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Appleton
Thomas H. Bayly
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, Jr.
Peter H. Bell
Henry Bennett

Mr. Samuel P. Benson
Thomas H. Benton
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase

Mr. Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt

Mr. John Dick
 Edward Dickinson
 William Dunbar
 J. Wiley Edmands
 Henry A. Edmundson
 Thomas D. Eliot
 Emerson Etheridge
 William Everhart
 E. Wilder Farley
 John R. Franklin
 John Z. Goodrich
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Ben Edwards Grey
 Aaron Harlan
 Clement S. Hill
 Thomas M. Howe
 Charles Hughes
 Theodore G. Hunt
 James Knox
 Milton S. Latham
 Caleb Lyon
 John McCulloch
 James A. McDougall
 John B. Macy

Mr. Orasmus B. Matteson
 James Maurice
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 James Meacham
 Ner Middleswarth
 Edwin B. Morgan
 Jesse O. Norton
 Andrew Oliver
 Samuel W. Parker
 Rufus W. Peckham
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 John Perkins, jr.
 Philip Phillips
 James T. Pratt
 Benjamin Pringle
 Richard C. Puryear
 David A. Reese
 William A. Richardson
 David Ritchie
 John Robbins, jr.
 Sion H. Rogers
 Peter Rowe
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage

Mr. William R. Sapp
 Wilson Shannon
 George A. Simmons
 William Smith
 William R. Smith
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Richard H. Stanton
 David Stuart
 John L. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Charles W. Upham
 Edward Wade
 William A. Walker
 Samuel H. Walley
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 John Wentworth
 Tappan Wentworth
 Theodorie R. Westbrook
 Hendrick B. Wright
 Richard Yates.

So the House refused to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

The question then recurred on the motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill was rejected.

Pending which,

Mr. Israel Washburn, jr., moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pending which,

Mr. Hillyer moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House; which motion was disagreed to.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. Israel Washburn, jr.; and being put, it was decided in the affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seymour reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 117) to provide for the ascertainment and satisfaction of claims of American citizens for spoliations committed by the French prior to the 31st day of July, 1801, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Edgerton withdrew the motion submitted by him this morning to reconsider the vote by which the bill of the House (No. 651) for the relief of Samuel A. Belden & Co. was rejected.

● Mr. J. Glancy Jones, by unanimous consent, withdrew the motion submitted by him yesterday to reconsider the vote by which the bill of the Senate, (No. 523,) entitled "An act to establish a court for the investigation of claims against the United States," was referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Orr, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the pending amendment, in the nature of a substitute, to the bill of the House (No. 117) to provide for the ascertainment and satisfaction of claims of American citizens for spoliations committed by

the French prior to the 31st day of July, 1801, in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, be printed.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Orr, at 3 o'clock and 55 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1855.

The following petitions and other papers were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Kidwell: The petition of citizens of the State of Virginia, for a mail-route from Holiday's Cove, Hancock county, via Freeman's Landing and New Cumberland, to Fairview;

Also, the petition of citizens of the State of Virginia, for a mail-route from Raccoon, Preston county, to White Day Glades, in Taylor county.

By Mr. Hastings: The petition of citizens of Steuben county, in the State of New York, for a mail-route from Woodhull, via East Troupsburg, to Troupsburg Centre.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Barry: The petition of William Shapley, for a pension on account of disabilities received while employed on board the United States ship Falmouth; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Fenton: The petition of Ira Hatch for bounty land, to which his brother, Asa Hatch, would have been entitled for services in the revolutionary war; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Robbins: The petition of the heirs of Richard H. Kern, for the payment of his salary as an assistant engineer in the army from the date of his death to the return of the expedition to which he was attached, for the survey of the central route for a railroad to the Pacific ocean; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Fenton: The remonstrance of citizens of Jamestown, Chautauque county, New York, against the renewal or extension of the Woodworth patent; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Barry: The petition of Anne W. Angus, widow of the late Captain Samuel Angus, of the United States navy, for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. McDougall: The petition of Felix Argenti, of the State of California, for compensation for supplies which he furnished the Indians in that State through the agents of the government; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Clingman: The petition of James Robison, for compensation for a horse lost in the military service of the United States in the Florida war in 1818; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, submitting an estimate to give effect to the law for the better preservation of life and property from vessels shipwrecked on the coasts of the United States; which was

referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Goodman, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 683) providing for the working of the United States steam dredge-boat at the harbor of Oswego, on Lake Ontario, State of New York; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Kerr, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the President inform this House, if not incompatible with the public interests, whether, in any correspondence with the minister of the United States at Madrid, and the Spanish government, or otherwise, it is insisted by the latter that the treaty of 1795, between Spain and the United States, is not applicable to the Spanish colonies, and that American citizens residing in said colonies are not entitled to the benefits of the provisions of said treaty.

The same having been read,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly moved that it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Pending which,

Mr. Kerr moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the motion to refer was disagreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the question was put, Will the House agree to the said resolution?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

So the said resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pending which,

Mr. Edgerton moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House; which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Wheeler moved that the vote by which the bill of the House (No. 661) for the relief of Samuel A. Belden & Co., was yesterday rejected, be reconsidered.

The said motion was passed over for the present.

The question was then put on the motion submitted by Mr. Thomas H. Bayly, and it was decided in the affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Seymour reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 117) to provide for the ascertainment and satisfaction of claims of American citizens for spoliation committed by the French prior to the 31st day of July, 1801, had directed him to report the same with an amendment.

The Speaker having stated the question to be on agreeing to the said amendment,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly moved the previous question; which was sec-

onded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said amendment was agreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on its passage,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly moved the previous question; which was seconded, and the main question ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 111
Nays..... 77

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie

William Aiken
Willie Allen
William Appleton
Thomas H. Bayly
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Nathan Belcher
Peter H. Bell
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss
Samuel A. Bridges
Preston S. Brooks
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis
Francis B. Cutting
Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt
John Dick
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
J. Wiley Edmands
Thomas D. Eliot
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Flagler

Mr. Thomas B. Florence

John R. Franklin
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
Joshua R. Giddings
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Theodore G. Hunt
Collin M. Ingersoll
J. Glancy Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
George W. Kittredge
James Knox
Milton S. Latham
Caleb Lyon
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
James Meacham
Ner Middlewarth
Edwin B. Morgan
Jesse O. Norton
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham

Mr. Alex. C. M. Pennington

Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
William Preston
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
George Read Riddle
John Robbins, jr.
Sion H. Rogers
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Origen S. Seymour
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Christian M. Straub
John L. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Michael C. Trout
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Elihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodorio R. Westbrook
John Wheeler
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zolltcoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen

David J. Bailey
William Barkedale
William S. Barry
Thomas H. Benton
Robert M. Bugg
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain

Mr. James S. Chrisman

Williamson R. W. Cobb
Alfred H. Colquitt
Leander M. Cox
Burton Craige
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
William Dunbar

Mr. Cyrus L. Dunham

Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Henry A. Edmundson
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge

Mr. Charles J. Faulkner
 William O. Goode
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 William T. Hamilton
 Aaron Harlan
 Andrew J. Harlan
 Sampson W. Harris
 Wiley P. Harris
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Bernhart Henn
 Harry Hibbard
 Junius Hillyer
 George S. Houston
 Harvey H. Johnson
 Daniel T. Jones
 George W. Jones
 Roland Jones
 Zedekiah Kidwell

Mr. William H. Kurtz
 Alfred W. Lamb
 John Letcher
 Charles S. Lewis
 Samuel Lilly
 William D. Lindsley
 Fayette McMullen
 John McQueen
 Smith Miller
 John S. Millson
 George W. Morrison
 William Murray
 Matthias H. Nichols
 David A. Noble
 James L. Orr
 John Perkins, jr.
 Paulus Powell
 Thomas Ritchey

Mr. Thomas Ruffin
 William R. Sapp
 James L. Seward
 Wilson Shannon
 Henry M. Shaw
 Otho R. Singleton
 Charles Skelton
 Samuel A. Smith
 William R. Smith
 George W. Smyth
 Andrew Stuart
 David Stuart
 John J. Taylor
 Mike Walsh
 Edward A. Warren
 Daniel B. Wright
 Hendrick B. Wright.

So the bill was passed.

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

The title of the bill having been read,

Mr. Walsh moved to amend the same by striking out all after "An act," and inserting in lieu thereof the following, viz:

"To successfully accomplish the following objects:

"1st. To enable sundry unscrupulous and grasping companies, speculators, and brokers, to still further aggrandize themselves in the sacrilegiously assumed name of the widows and orphans, by preying upon whose helplessness and necessities they have already amassed fortunes.

"2d. To replenish the purses and brighten the mercenary hopes of the several agents, lobbyists, &c., of Washington, who are personally interested in its passage; and also to embolden those modest and conscientious worthies to renewed and increased efforts to deplete the national treasury so effectually, as to hereafter preclude the possibility of its funds ever again reaching one inch above low-water mark."

The same having been read,

Mr. Mace moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered to be put; when

Mr. Letcher moved, at 3 o'clock and 30 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn.

Pending which,

Mr. Orr moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn until Tuesday next; which motion was disagreed to.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. Letcher, And being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 33
 Nays..... 120

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. David J. Bailey
 William Barksdale
 William S. Barry

Mr. William W. Boyce
 James S. Chrisman
 Alfred H. Colquitt

Mr. Cyrus L. Dunham
 Norman Eddy
 John M. Elliott

Mr. William O. Goode
Alfred B. Greenwood
William T. Hamilton
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
George S. Houston
Daniel T. Jones
John Letcher

Mr. Samuel Lilly
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
Smith Miller
George W. Morrison
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
James L. Orr

Mr. Thomas Ruffin
Henry M. Shaw
Otho R. Singleton
Charles Skelton
George W. Smyth
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
Daniel B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
Willis Allen
William Appleton
Thomas H. Bayly
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Preston S. Brooks
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
John S. Caskie
Joseph R. Chaudler
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis
Francis B. Cutting
John L. Dawson
Alexander De Witt
John Dick
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
William Dunbar
J. Wiley Edmands
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Eliot
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Charles J. Faulkner
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence

Mr. John R. Franklin
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
Joshua R. Giddings
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Aaron Harlan
Sampson W. Harris
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Junius Hillyer
Thomas M. Howe
Theodore G. Hunt
Colin M. Ingersoll
Harvey H. Johnson
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
Zedekiah Kidwell
James Knox
Alfred W. Lamb
Charles S. Lewis
William D. Lindsley
Caleb Lyon
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Ner Middleswarth
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
Jesse O. Norton
Asa Packer

Mr. Jared V. Peck
Alex. C. M. Pennington
John Perkins, jr.
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
William Preston
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
George Read Riddle
John Robbins, jr.
Sion H. Rogers
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
Wilson Shannon
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
William R. Smith
Richard H. Stanton
Hester L. Stevens
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Michael C. Trout
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
William A. Walker
Mike Walsh
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodor C. Westbrook
John Wheeler
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the House refused to adjourn.

The question was then put, Will the House agree to the amendment submitted by Mr. Walsh?

And it was decided in the negative, { Yea..... 1
Nays..... 120

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
The member who voted in the affirmative is—

Mr. Mike Walsh.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken
Willis Allen
William Appleton
Thomas H. Bayly

Mr. Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Nathan Belcher
Samuel P. Benson

Mr. George Bliss
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Preston S. Brooks

Mr. Robert M. Bugg
 Lewis D. Campbell
 Davis Carpenter
 John S. Caskie
 Joseph R. Chandler
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 Moses B. Corwin
 Samuel L. Crocker
 William Cullom
 Carlton B. Curtis
 Francis B. Cutting
 Thomas Davis
 John L. Dawson
 Alexander De Witt
 John Dick
 Edward Dickinson
 David T. Disney
 William Dunbar
 Alfred P. Edgerton
 J. Wiley Edmands
 Thomas D. Eliot
 William Everhart
 E. Wilder Farley
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Thomas B. Florence
 John R. Franklin
 Thomas J. D. Fuller
 James Gamble
 Joshua R. Giddings
 John Z. Goodrich
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 Aaron Harlan
 Sampson W. Harris
 George Hastings
 Solomon G. Haven

Mr. Bernhart Henn
 Junius Hillyer
 George S. Houston
 Thomas M. Howe
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Colin M. Ingersoll
 Harvey H. Johnson
 J. Glancy Jones
 Roland Jones
 Lawrence M. Keitt
 John Kerr
 James Knox
 Alfred W. Lamb
 William D. Lindsley
 Caleb Lyon
 John McCulloch
 Moses Macdonald
 James A. McDougall
 John McQueen
 Daniel Mace
 John B. Macy
 Orsamus B. Matteson
 James Maurice
 Henry May
 Ner Middleswarth
 Edwin B. Morgan
 George W. Morrison
 William Murray
 Matthias H. Nichols
 David A. Noble
 Jesse O. Norton
 Asa Packer
 Jared V. Peck
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 Philip Phillips
 James T. Pratt

Mr. William Preston
 Richard C. Puryear
 Charles Ready
 David A. Reese
 George Read Riddle
 John Robbins, jr.
 Sion H. Rogers
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 William R. Sapp
 Origen S. Seymour
 Wilson Shannon
 Henry M. Shaw
 Jacob Shower
 George A. Simmons
 William R. Smith
 George W. Smyth
 Richard H. Stanton
 Hestor L. Stevens
 John J. Taylor
 John L. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Michael C. Trout
 Charles W. Upham
 Joshua Vansant
 Edward Wade
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 John Wentworth
 Tappan Wentworth
 Theodoric R. Westbrook
 John Wheeler
 Richard Yates
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the amendment to the title was disagreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the title was then agreed to.

Mr. Israel Washburn, jr., moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Caruthers, at 4 o'clock and 4 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until Monday next.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1855.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Kidwell: Specifications of the charges preferred against the Hon. Robert C. Grier, a judge of the Supreme Court of the United States, by the Wheeling and Belmont Bridge Company; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Peckham: The memorial of Mellen Battel, of Albany, New York, bringing to the notice of Congress his atmospheric telegraph invention, and claiming to be the original inventor, and asking that Congress will suspend further action in the matter now pending, on application of Mr. Richardson, upon a similar invention, until he is prepared to be heard; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Yates: The petition of the heirs and legal representatives of Dr. Samuel Gay, a surgeon in the Virginia continental line in the revolutionary army, for relief; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Sabin: The petition of Sylvanus Richardson, of Jericho, Vermont, for the renewal of his patent for improvement in starch mills; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. George W. Smyth: The petition of citizens of the State of Texas, for a mail-route from Lynchburg to Cold Spring, in said State; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Phillips: The petition of Ann Timmons, widow of Samuel Timmons, a soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Chrisman: The petition of Thomas Emerson, administrator of John Emerson, deceased, for five years' full pay for revolutionary services; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Cutting: The petition of Eliza A. Connell, widow of Patrick Connell, a soldier in the Mexican war, for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Ball: Additional papers in the case of the children and heirs of J. D. Beaugrand; which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Cutting: The memorial of the unemployed workingmen of New York city, for the passage of a homestead act, and for pecuniary assistance from the government by way of loan, to enable them to procure implements of husbandry; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Henn: The petition of J. S. Wright, against the renewal of the patents of Obed Hussey, C. H. McCormick, and Moore and Hascall, or either of them; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Caruthers: The petition of citizens of the State of Missouri, in behalf of John Roques, an invalid soldier of the United States army, that he be granted a pension.

By Mr. David Stuart: The petition of Anthony Castlo—heretofore presented January 4, 1851.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Fenton: The petition of citizens of Hanover, in the State of New York, that the soldiers of the war of 1812 be allowed additional bounty land.

By Mr. Greenwood: The petition of citizens of the State of Arkansas, that the public lands be granted to actual settlers and cultivators in limited quantities.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Thomas D. Eliot: The petition of Barton Ricketson, for remuneration for his services and expenses in removing wrecks out of the

Delaware breakwater—heretofore presented in the Senate, February 7, 1854; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Fuller: The petition of citizens, shipmasters, and owners, of the State of Maine, for the construction of a pier on Fidler's Ledge, at the west end of Fox Island Thoroughfare, in said State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the 25th instant, present to the President of the United States, bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 554. An act to authorize the issue of a register to the barque Founding, of Boston.

H. R. 246. An act for the relief of the children and heirs of Major General Baron De Kalb.

H. R. 389. An act for the relief of Sylvester Humphrey and the heirs of Alexander Humphrey, deceased.

Mr. Letcher moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; which motion was disagreed to.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones,

Ordered, That the consideration of the special order for this day be postponed for one hour.

The Speaker then announced, as the business first in order, the motion submitted on Monday last by Mr. Breckenridge, and pending when the House adjourned on that day, to suspend the rules so as to enable him to submit the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That Senate bill No. 96 be made the special order for the 6th day of February, and that all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on said bill shall cease at 3 o'clock p. m. upon that day, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the affirmative, two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Breckenridge thereupon submitted his aforesaid resolution, and moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said resolution was agreed to, two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Breckenridge moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House a letter from the governor of Pennsylvania, transmitting a preamble and resolution of the legislature of that State, in favor of an expedition to rescue Doctor Kane and the crew of the *Advance*; which was read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Chandler, the rules having been suspended for that purpose, the resolution of the Senate (No. 33) respecting the Arctic expedition, commanded by Passed Assistant Surgeon E. K. Kane, was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

The question then being on its third reading,

Mr. Chandler moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said resolution was ordered to be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time, and, under the operation of the previous question, passed.

Mr. Chandler moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate with the passage of the said resolution.

Mr. McDougall, by unanimous consent, introduced bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 684. A bill releasing to the city of San Francisco certain pueblo lands, in pursuance of the decree of confirmation of the board of commissioners to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California; and

H. R. 685. A bill providing for an express mail overland from St. Louis to San Francisco;

which were severally read a first and second time, and referred as follows, viz:

H. R. 684, to the Committee on Military Affairs;

H. R. 685, to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Watley, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the Senate (No. 30) entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Marston Taylor," submitted the following report, viz:

"That, after a full and free conference, they have agreed to recommend to their respective houses as follows, viz:

"That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House of Representatives to said bill, and agree to said amendment.

"M. MACDONALD,
SAMUEL H. WALLEY,
J. LETCHER,
Committee on the part of the House.
HAMILTON FISH,
WM. M. GWIN,
JAS. SHIELDS,
Committee on the part of the Senate."

The same having been read,

The question was put, Will the House agree thereto?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

So the report was agreed to.

Mr. Nathaniel G. Taylor, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 686) to establish a uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal certain acts heretofore passed on that subject, and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hillyer moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to submit the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-arms be authorized to pay to William B. W. Dent, who is confined at home by sickness, his mileage and per diem for the present session.

And the question being put, it was decided in the negative; two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Bocock moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to submit the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That Thursday, the first, and Saturday, the third day of February next, be set apart for the consideration of bills of a public character, that have been reported or may be reported from the Committee on Naval Affairs.

And the question being put, it was decided in the negative; two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

On motion of Mr. David Stuart, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Ambrose Riopelle, for the purpose of reference in the Senate.

Thereupon the papers in the said case were delivered to Mr. David Stuart.

Mr. Edmundson, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 346) entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs-at-law of William Van Wart, deceased," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

Mr. Singleton, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 687) for the benefit of the Post Office Department and the Mississippi Central Railroad Company; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Ruffin, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire what further legislation, if any, is necessary to prevent fraud in the verification of foreign invoices.

Mr. Walbridge, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolutions; which were read, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, viz:

Resolved, That the recent naval expedition to Japan, which resulted in the treaty concluded on the 31st March last with that empire, is one of great value in its consequences to the commercial interests of the country, and the distinguished officer in command, Commodore M. C. Perry, who successfully conducted the negotiation, is entitled to the thanks of Congress.

Resolved, That the further extension of our commercial intercourse with the East is of primary importance to the people of the United States, and it is the duty of our government to promote this object by taking measures for further treaty stipulations, with a view to a more general extension to our trade of the ports of Japan and China, and to stimulate freer commercial intercourse with those nations.

Mr. Orr, the rules having been suspended for that purpose, moved that the resolution of the Senate (No. 30) relative to the construction of

the laws for the allowance of additional compensation to the clerks in the Census Bureau, be taken from the Speaker's table; which motion was agreed to.

And thereupon, the said resolution was taken up and read a first and second time.

Pending the question on its third reading,

Mr. Orr moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said resolution was ordered to be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Orr moved that the vote by which the said resolution was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Seward moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to report from the Committee of Elections the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House pay to Charles J. Ingersoll, of Pennsylvania, out of the contingent fund, the same per diem and mileage as is allowed to members of Congress, computing the same from the commencement of the 26th Congress to the 20th day of July, 1840, inclusive, for contesting the seat between him and Charles Naylor, that being the day on which the case was decided.

And the question being put, it was decided in the negative; two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, the rules having been suspended for that purpose, submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the 7th day of February next be set apart for the consideration of business of a public character, reported or to be reported by the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pending which,

Mr. Bocock moved that he be excused from further service on the Committee on Naval Affairs; which motion was disagreed to.

And then,

The hour to which was postponed the consideration of the special order for this day having arrived,

The Speaker proceeded to call the committees for reports on territorial business.

On motion of Mr. Disney,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the legislative assembly of New Mexico for the preservation of the archives, &c., of said Territory, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Territories.

On motion of Mr. Disney,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the following bills and petitions, and that the same be laid on the table, viz:

H. R. 557. A bill for the relief of the owners and occupants of the town of Omaha City, in the Territory of Nebraska, and for other purposes;

H. R. 607. A bill to exempt certain town sites in Kansas Territory from sale and pre-emption;

H. R. 639. A bill to protect the proprietors of towns in Nebraska Territory in their town sites; and

The petitions of Madison Mills, of F. J. Marshall and others, and of John Ellis and others, in relation to town sites in Kansas and Nebraska Territories.

Mr. Disney, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill (H. R. 688) to amend the act approved August 26, 1852, entitled "An act to reduce and define the boundaries of the military reserve at St. Peter's river, in the Territory of Minnesota," and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Disney,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Nancy Taylor and others, citizens of Washington Territory, for an amendment to the land law of that Territory; and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Disney, from the same committee, to whom were referred the bill of the Senate (No. 129) entitled "An act to authorize the sale of reserved lands and for other purposes," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

Mr. Disney, from the same committee, reported a bill (H. R. 689) to establish the office of surveyor general of Utah, and to grant land to actual settlers therein; which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Henn, from the same committee, to whom were referred bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 544. A bill regulating the location of bounty-land warrants in Oregon Territory; and

H. R. 612. A bill to establish an additional land district in the Territory of Oregon—
reported the same severally with amendments.

Ordered, That the said bills be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

Mr. Cutting, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a joint resolution (H. Res. 48) to disapprove and disaffirm an act of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, entitled "An act to incorporate the Minnesota and Northwestern Railroad Company;" which was read a first and second time.

After debate,

Mr. Cutting moved the previous question; which was seconded, and the main question ordered; and, under the operation thereof, the said resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time; and, under the operation of the previous question, passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Cutting moved that the vote by which the said resolution was

passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Cutting, from the same committee, also reported a joint resolution (H. Res. 49) disapproving of the act of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, entitled "An act to incorporate the Transit Railroad Company;" which was read a first and second time.

Mr. Cutting moved the previous question which was seconded; and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on its passage,

Mr. Warren moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; which motion was disagreed to.

The question again recurring on its passage,

Mr. Cutting moved the previous question which was seconded; and the main question ordered and put, viz: Shall the resolution pass?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 116
Nays..... 16

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
David J. Bailey
Edward Ball
Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bockock
William W. Boyce
Francis M. Bristow
Preston S. Brooks
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
George W. Chase
James S. Chrisman
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Burton Craig
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Francis B. Cutting
Alexander De Witt
John Dick
Edward Dickinson
William Dunbar
Alfred P. Edgerton
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Eliot
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart

Mr. E. Wilder Farley
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
John R. Franklin
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
William O. Goode
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Ben Edwards Grey
Aaron Harlan
Wiley P. Harris
Clement S. Hill
George S. Houston
Thomas M. Howe
Theodore G. Hunt
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
George W. Kittredge
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
William D. Lindsley
John McCulloch
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
Daniel Mace
Orsamus B. Matteson
Ner Middleswarth
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
George W. Morrison
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver

Mr. James L. Orr
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham
Bishop Perkins
Paulus Powell
James T. Pratt
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
Sion H. Rogers
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
Origen S. Seymour
Henry M. Shaw
Otho E. Singleton
Charles Skelton
William Smith
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
Andrew Stuart
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
Michael C. Trout
Edward Wade
Samuel H. Walley
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright
Richard Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
William S. Barry
Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John G. Davis
William H. English

Mr. Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Philip Phillips

Mr. William A. Richardson
James L. Seward
Hector L. Stevens
Charles W. Upham
Edward A. Warren.

So the resolution was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Cutting moved that the vote by which the said resolution was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary; which was handed in at the Speaker's table.

Mr. Faulkner, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 606) to provide for the construction of roads and bridges, and for the improvement of rivers in the Territory of Kansas, and to provide for a geological survey of said Territory, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 690) "for the construction of certain military roads in the Territory of Kansas;" which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Faulkner, from the same committee, to whom were referred the bill of the House (No. 666) granting "Fort Scott reserve" to the Territory of Kansas for school purposes, and resolutions of the House as to the expediency of providing for the payment of certain militia of the Territory of New Mexico, and of refunding to the Territory of Utah certain expenses incurred by said Territory in 1853, made adverse reports thereon; which, together with the said bill and resolutions, were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Faulkner, from the same committee, by unanimous consent, submitted certain testimony and letters on the subject of the increase and better organization of the army; which were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farley, from the Committee on Territories, reported a bill (H. R. 691) making an appropriation for a territorial road in the Territory of Nebraska; which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Richardson, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 435) entitled "An act making appropriations for the construction of certain military roads in the Territories of Nebraska and Washington," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 317) to establish the office of surveyor general of Utah, to grant donations to actual settlers therein, and for other purposes, here-

tofore reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, with a recommendation that it do not pass.

On motion of Mr. Richardson,

Ordered, That the said bill be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Phelps reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly bills and joint resolutions of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 332. A bill to enable the people of Oregon Territory to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of such State into the Union ;

H. Res. 22. A joint resolution making an appropriation for the purchase of territorial libraries ;

H. Res. 23. A joint resolution authorizing the accounting officers of the treasury to adjust the expenses of a board of commissioners appointed by the territorial assembly of Utah to prepare a code of laws ;

H. R. 477. A bill for the erection of a fort on or near the Pembina river, in the Territory of Minnesota—
had directed him to report H. R. 332, H. Res. 22, and H. R. 477, severally with amendment, and H. Res. 23 with a recommendation that it do not pass.

The House having proceeded to the consideration of the said bills and joint resolutions, the amendments reported to the bills of the House Nos. 432 and 477, and the resolution of the House No. 22, were severally read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the said bills and resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, they were accordingly read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Houston, the title to the said bill No. 477 was amended by striking out "fort" and inserting "*military posts*" in lieu thereof, and by adding at the end thereof the words "*and for other purposes.*"

The said title as amended was then agreed to.

Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne moved, by unanimous consent, that the votes by which the said bills and resolution were passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table ; which latter motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills and joint resolution.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That the said joint resolution No. 23 be laid on the table.

Mr. Cobb, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 692) granting a pension to Micajah Ricketts ; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Letcher, at 3 o'clock and 45 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1855.

The following petitions and other papers were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Hendricks: The petition of J. J. McClellan, widow of Lieutenant Colonel John McClellan, late of the United States army, for a pension—heretofore presented in the Senate December 11, 1854;

Also, the petition of Edward Rumery—heretofore presented December 15, 1854.

By Mr. Haven: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, that bounty land be granted to the soldiers of the war of 1812.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Breckinridge: The petition and papers of Commander S. P. Lee, on behalf of himself and the other officers of the Dolphin, for compensation for extra services.

By Mr. Phillips: The petition of citizens of the State of Alabama, for the repeal of the duty on railroad iron.

Ordered, That said petitions and papers be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. William Smith: The petition of Samuel Tibbals, son and heir of Samuel Tibbals, a soldier of the Revolution, for relief in the way of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the following message, received yesterday from the President of the United States, viz:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to Congress herewith a communication of this date from the Secretary of the Interior, with accompanying papers, and recommend that the appropriations therein asked for be made.

I avail myself of the occasion to suggest a modification of existing laws, with a view to enable me more effectually to carry into execution the treaties with the different Indian tribes in Kansas Territory.

With an earnest desire to promote the early settlement of the ceded lands, as well as those held in trust and to be sold for the benefit of the Indians, I shall exercise all the power intrusted to me to maintain strictly and in good faith our treaty obligations.

I respectfully recommend that provisions be made by law requiring the lands which are to be sold on account of the Indians by the government to be appraised and classified; a minimum price to be fixed, for a less sum than which no sales shall be made without further provision of law; and authorizing the sale of the lands in such quantities and at such times and places as the obligations of the government, the rights of the Indian tribes, and the public interest, with reference to speedy settlement, may render expedient.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, January 29, 1855.

Ordered, That the said message and documents be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and printed.

On motion of Mr. Cullom, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Samuel Hogg, for the purpose of reference to one of the executive departments.

The papers in the said case were thereupon delivered to Mr. Cullom.

On motion of Mr. John G. Davis, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (No. 529) entitled "An act to incorporate St. Joseph's Male Orphan Asylum, in the District of Columbia," was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill and joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

S. 566. An act to extend to the Territories generally the laws regulating the fees and compensation of officers and the suitors of the United States courts in Oregon;

S. Res. 29. A resolution for the relief of the Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did, on the 24th instant, approve and sign a bill of the following title, viz:

S. 195. An act for the relief of David B. Sears;

And, on the 25th instant, a bill of the following title, viz:

S. 554. An act to authorize the issue of a register to the barque Foundling, of Boston.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Smith Miller, by unanimous consent, introduced bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 693. A bill for the relief of R. A. Clements, administrator of James A. Millican;

H. R. 694. A bill for the relief of Thomas B. Graham;

H. R. 695. A bill establishing the compensation of registers and receivers in certain cases;

H. Res. 50. A joint resolution providing for an adjustment of the accounts of John Wise, Samuel Wise, and William J. Wise; which were severally read a first and second time, and referred as follows, viz:

H. R. 693 and 694, to the Committee of Claims;

H. R. 695, to the Committee on Public Lands;

H. Res. 50, to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, by unanimous consent, twenty minutes were set apart for the report and introduction of bills, for the purpose of reference; provided, that in no case shall it be in order to move a reconsideration of the reference of any such bill.

Mr. Hibbard, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom

was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 305) entitled "An act to direct a re-examination of the account between the United States and the State of Maryland," made an adverse report thereon.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and that the bill and report be printed.

Mr. James C. Allen, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of Philip R. Rice, deceased, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 696) for their benefit; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Tappan Wentworth, from the Committee on Commerce, made an adverse report upon the petition of Isaac S. Smith; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Tappan Wentworth, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 356) entitled "An act for the relief of George Denuet, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire," made an adverse report thereon.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and that the bill and report be printed.

Mr. Tappan Wentworth, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 632) to regulate the carrying of spirits of turpentine, made an adverse report thereon.

Ordered, That the said bill and report be laid on the table, and that the report be printed.

On motion of Mr. Tappan Wentworth,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the Board of Trade of Oswego, and a petition of the citizens of Oswego, asking that the duties paid on Canadian products subsequent to October 18, 1854, may be remitted; and also the resolution submitted by Mr. Wells relative to the repeal of the provisions of the act of March 2, 1851, which prohibit the receipt of commissions by officers of the customs upon the northern, northeastern, and northwestern frontiers; and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Howe, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Lieutenant John Clark, of Pennsylvania, submitted a report in writing thereon; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed; and moved that leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the said case; which motion was agreed to.

The papers in the said case were thereupon delivered to Mr. Howe.

Mr. Howe, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 254) entitled "An act for the relief of Catharine B. Arnold," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

Mr. Mace, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred

the bill of the Senate (No. 464) entitled "An act for the relief of Israel Ketcham," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

Mr. Walley, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Sarah Irving, widow of William Irving, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 697) for the relief of the widow of William Irving, deceased; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Disney, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill (H. R. 698) to amend the act of Congress, approved May 23, 1844, entitled "An act for the relief of the citizens of towns upon lands of the United States, under certain circumstances;" which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Franklin introduced a bill (H. R. 699) to re-establish Snow Hill, Maryland, as a separate collection district; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Eddy, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of Thomas Morris, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 700) for their relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Eddy introduced a bill (H. R. 701) for the relief of D. B. Myers; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Edgerton, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William Haggerty, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 702) for his relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, by unanimous consent, the bill and resolution of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

S. Res. 29. A resolution for the relief the Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota;

S. 566. An act to extend to the Territories generally the laws regulating the fees and compensation of officers and the suitors of the United States courts in Oregon—

were severally taken from the Speaker's table, read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Bockock, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Rebecca Winn, widow and executrix of the last will and testament of Timothy Winn, deceased, late a purser in the navy of the United States, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 703) for her relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Morgan introduced a bill (H. R. 704) providing for the working of the United States steam dredge-boat at the harbor of Sodus, in Cayuga, and Sodus, in Wayne county, New York; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Ready, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was re-referred the bill of the House (No. 240) for the relief of Thomas S. J. Johnson, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Hendricks, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom were referred the petitions of Joseph Hamilton and of Anthony Walton Bayard, made reports thereon, accompanied by bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 705. A bill for the relief of the assignee of bounty land warrant No. 27,849, issued to William Phillips and Sarah Connor;

H. R. 706. A bill increasing the pension of Anthony Walton Bayard, of the State of Pennsylvania;

which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hendricks, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 447) entitled "An act to increase the pension of Patrick C. Miles," made a report in writing thereon.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and that the bill and report be printed.

Mr. Faulkner, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 611) for the relief of William G. Preston, late a captain in the war of the United States with Mexico, reported the same with an amendment in the nature of a substitute therefor, accompanied by a report in writing thereon.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and that the bill and report be printed.

Mr. Faulkner, from the same committee, reported a joint resolution (H. Res. No. 51) authorizing the sale of a portion of the site of the United States arsenal at Fayetteville, North Carolina, and the purchase of a piece of land adjoining the east front of the arsenal grounds, accompanied by a report in writing thereon; which resolution was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the resolution and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Nichols, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom were referred the memorial of the legislative assembly of Washington Territory in behalf of George Bush, the petition of James P. Roan, and the petition of Elijah White, made reports thereon, accompanied by bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 707. A bill for the relief of George Bush, of Thruston county, Washington Territory;

H. R. 708. A bill for the relief of James P. Roan; and

H. R. 709. A bill confirming a land claim to Elijah White, of the Territory of Washington ; which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Aaron Harlan, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 570) for the relief of John R. Bowes, agent in charge of the property of the United States at Michigan city, in the State of Indiana, reported the same without amendment, accompanied by a report thereon in writing.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and that the bill and report be printed.

Mr. John L. Taylor, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution ; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz :

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire what further legislation, if any, is now necessary in relation to the light-house system of the United States, and that they report what light-house dues or tolls are now imposed by foreign nations on the vessels and commerce of the United States ; and, if any such are imposed, that said committee further report what changes should be made by the government of the United States to aid in upholding our light-house system ; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Seymour, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill (H. R. 710) more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States ; which was read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

Mr. Daniel B. Wright, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution ; which was read, and, by unanimous consent, considered and agreed to, viz :

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to this House, so far as may be compatible with the public interest, copies of the correspondence between the diplomatic agents of this government and the government of Spain touching the causes disturbing the friendly relations between the two governments, and the instructions from the Department of State to the diplomatic agents of this government in relation to the same ; and also copies of all correspondence between the governments of the United States and those of France and Great Britain in respect to the island of Cuba which may not have been hitherto communicated to Congress.

Mr. Clingman moved that the vote by which the said resolution was agreed to be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table ; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Aaron Harlan, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of Atkins Dyer, made an adverse report thereon ; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled, bills of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 482. An act for the relief of Zabina Rawson ;

H. R. 565. An act to repeal an act for the relief of the legal representatives of Samuel Prioleau; deceased;

H. R. 433. An act for the relief of James Wright, jr., of the State of Tennessee ;

H. R. 458. An act for the relief of Joseph Webb ; and

H. R. 190. An act for the relief of William Hankins ; when The Speaker signed the same.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union ; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Phelps reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of Senate (No. 60) entitled "An act authorizing the construction of a subterranean line of telegraph from the Mississippi or Missouri rivers to the Pacific ocean," had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Richardson submitted the following resolution ; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz :

Resolved, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, on the bill of the Senate (No. 60) entitled "An act authorizing the construction of a subterranean line of telegraph from the Mississippi or Missouri rivers to the Pacific ocean," shall cease in one hour after its consideration is resumed, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same ;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union ; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Phelps reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the Senate (No. 60) entitled "An act authorizing the construction of a subterranean line of telegraph from the Mississippi or Missouri rivers to the Pacific ocean," had come to no resolution thereon.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Letcher, at 4 o'clock and 15 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1855.

The following petitions were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit :

By Mr. Murray : The petition of Susan Scott, widow of William Scott, heretofore presented December 16, 1844 ; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Chandler : The petition of John F. Dumas, son and heir of Abigail Dumas, of the city of Philadelphia, to be paid the residue of the award made by the Board of Commissioners under the treaty with France, made July 4, 1831, to his said mother ; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Russell: Two petitions of citizens of the State of New York for a mail-route from East Berlin to York, via King's Island and Farmer's Post Office, and for the discontinuance of the route from East Berlin to Abbottstown, No. 9,318.

By Mr. Wells: The petition of citizens of the State of Wisconsin, for a mail route from Madison, via Black Earth, Arena, Richland City, Sextonville, Richland Centre, Fancy Creek, and Viroqua, to Prairie La Crosse, in said State.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Boyce: The petition of N. B. Hill, administrator of Gilbert Stalker—heretofore presented December 27, 1848; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Caruthers: The petition of citizens of the State of Missouri, for a mail-route from the Depot, on the Central railroad, near Jonesboro', Illinois, to Cape Girardeau, in the State of Missouri; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Pringle: The petition of the heirs and legal representatives of Benjamin Everett, a soldier of the Revolution, for a pension due him at the time of his death; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled, resolutions of the following titles, viz:

S. Res. 30. A resolution relative to the construction of the laws for the allowance of additional compensation to the clerks in the Census Bureau;

S. Res. 33. A resolution respecting the Arctic Expedition, commanded by Passed Assistant Surgeon E. K. Kane; when,

The Speaker signed the same.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War transmitting an abstract of the returns of the militia of the States and Territories, with their arms, accoutrements, and ammunition, so far as the same have been received; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Richardson, from the Committee on Territories, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 593) to regulate and make uniform the right of suffrage in the several Territories of the United States, reported the same with a recommendation that it do not pass.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

Subsequently,

Mr. Cobb moved that the vote by which the said bill was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be reconsidered.

The said motion was passed over for future consideration.

Mr. Rice introduced a joint resolution (H. Res. 52) disapproving of, and declaring null and void, certain acts of the Territorial legislature of Minnesota, incorporating railroad companies, or authorizing the construction of railroads; which was read a first and second time.

Pending the question on its engrossment,

Mr. Rice moved the previous question ; which was seconded and the main question ordered to be put.

Before putting the main question,

On motion of Mr. Hendricks, the vote by which the same was ordered was reconsidered ; when,

Mr. Hendricks moved that the joint resolution be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pending which,

Mr. Haven moved the previous question ; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said motion to refer was agreed to.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the 30th instant, present to the President of the United States bills of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 433. An act for the relief of James Wright, jr., of the State of Tennessee ;

H. R. 565. An act to repeal an act for the relief of the legal representatives of Samuel Prioleau, deceased ;

H. R. 482. An act for the relief of Zabina Rawson ;

H. R. 468. An act for the relief of Joseph Webb ;

H. R. 190. An act for the relief of William Hankins ;

S. 361. An act for the relief of Frederic Vincent, administrator of James Le Caze, survivor of Le Caze and Mallet ;

S. 555. An act to authorize the issue of a register to the barque Colonist, by the name of the Lily.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill of the following title, viz :

S. 538. An act for the relief of Jacob Dodson ;
in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have agreed to the report of the committee of conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two houses, upon the amendment to the bill of the Senate (No. 30) entitled " An act for the relief of Thomas Marston Taylor."

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Goodwin gave notice, under the rule, of his intention to move for leave to introduce a bill granting pensions to the surviving officers and soldiers who served in the Indian wars of 1791-'2-'3-'4, and '5, and to the widows of the deceased officers and soldiers of those wars.

On motion of Mr. Phelps, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union ; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Phelps reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly territorial bills, had directed him to report bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz :

S. 60. An act authorizing the construction of a subterranean line of telegraph from the Mississippi or Missouri rivers to the Pacific ocean—with a recommendation that the enacting clause be stricken out ;

H. R. 543. A bill for the construction of a military road in Oregon Territory—
without amendment ;

H. R. 670. A bill authorizing the Secretary of War to purchase sites and contract for the erection of arsenals in Texas and New Mexico, and in the Territory of Oregon; and

H. R. 542. A bill making an appropriation for completing the public buildings of Oregon Territory—
with amendments;

H. Res. 46. A joint resolution authorizing the legislative assembly of Utah to continue their sessions for a term not exceeding sixty days, instead of forty days, as heretofore provided; and

H. R. 680. A bill making appropriations for improving certain military roads in the Territory of Minnesota—
without amendment;

H. R. 681. A bill to provide for the erection of public buildings in the Territory of Nebraska;

H. R. 605. A bill to provide for the erection of public buildings in the Territory of Kansas;

H. R. 688. A bill to amend the act approved 26th August, 1852, entitled "An act to reduce and define the boundaries of the military reserve at St. Peter's river, in the Territory of Minnesota," and for other purposes; and

H. R. 544. A bill regulating the location of bounty-land warrants in Oregon Territory—
severally with amendments;

H. R. 612. A bill to establish an additional land district in the Territory of Oregon;

H. R. 690. A bill for the construction of certain military roads in the Territory of Kansas;

H. R. 691. A bill making an appropriation for a Territorial road in the Territory of Nebraska; and

S. 435. An act making appropriations for the construction of certain military roads in the Territories of Nebraska and Washington—
severally without amendment; and

H. R. 689. A bill to establish the office of surveyor general of Utah, and to grant land to actual settlers thereon—
with a recommendation that the enacting clause be stricken out.

The House having, by unanimous consent, proceeded first to the consideration of such of the foregoing bills as should not be objected to,

The bills of the House numbered 543, 680, 612, 690, and 691, were severally ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, they were accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

The amendments reported to the bill of the House No. 542 having been read and agreed to, the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

The title was then amended, by striking out the word "Territory," and inserting after "Oregon" the words "*and Minnesota Territories*;" and the title, as amended, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The amendments reported to the bill of the House No. 670 were severally read and agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

The title of the bill was then amended, by striking out the word "sites," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "*a site in Texas*;" and the title, as amended, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The bill of the Senate No. 435, reported without amendment, was ordered to be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments reported to the bills of the House numbered 544 and 681 were then severally read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the said bills be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, they were accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

The *first* amendment reported to the bill of the House No. 605 having been read and agreed to, and the *second* amendment read and disagreed to, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Disney moved that the bill of the House No. 689, reported with a recommendation that the enacting clause be stricken out, be recommitted.

Pending which,

Mr. Richardson, by unanimous consent, moved that the remaining bills and joint resolution this day reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, be recommitted.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Pratt, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That an amendment in the nature of a substitute, of which Mr. Houston has given notice, to the bill of the House (No. 403) reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes, be printed.

Mr. Rowe, by unanimous consent, presented joint resolutions of the legislature of the State of New York, in relation to the grant of pensions to soldiers of the Indian wars of 1791-'2-'3-'4-'5, and to the widows of the deceased soldiers of those wars; which were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Wheeler, at 4 o'clock and 30 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1855.

The following petitions and other papers were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. John Perkins: The petition of J. S. & T. A. Bossier, heirs and legal representatives of Gideon Johnston, a captain and quarter-

master in the war of the Revolution, for relief on account of the Commissioner of the General Land Office refusing to issue to them land scrip for a Virginia land-bounty warrant for 1,777 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres of land; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Israel Washburn: The petition of citizens of the State of Maine, against the importation from foreign governments of alcoholic liquors into this country; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. John Perkins: The petition of citizens of the State of Louisiana, on behalf of Julius Gallner, that for meritorious services in rescuing shipwrecked mariners from watery graves, he be granted Breton's island, on which he resides, near the shore of said State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne: The petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, against the renewal of McCormick's, Hussey's, or Moore and Hascall's patent for reapers; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. John Wentworth: The petition of citizens of the same State, of like import with the foregoing; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Andrew Stuart: The petition of Lewright Browning, widow of Lieutenant R. L. Browning, late of the United States navy, with additional papers, for a pension; which were referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Heister: The petition of Rachel Fox, widow of William Fox—heretofore presented January 14, 1839; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Pratt: The petition of Henry Richard and John Thompson, of Farmington, Connecticut, for compensation for the services of their father, John Thompson, in the war of the Revolution; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. McCulloch: Additional papers in the case of George Moury; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Maxwell: The petition of W. C. Dennis, of the State of Florida, for a specific duty of four cents per bushel on salt; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. McMullen: The petition of Sarah Viney, sister and administratrix of John Viney, a soldier in the war of 1812, for bounty land; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House executive communications as follows, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting his annual report of the funds held in trust for the Chickasaw Indians.

Ordered, That the said letter and accompanying documents be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and printed.

II. A letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting, in compliance with the resolution of the House of the 2d of January last, a copy of the conditional contract made by his predecessor for the extension of two of the trips on the New Orleans and Vera Cruz line, from Vera Cruz, Mexico, via Acapulco, to San Francisco—also copies of corre-

spondence relative to the same; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Haven, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That it be entered upon the journal that the bill of the House (No. 403) "reducing the duties on imports, and for other purposes," reported on the 19th of June last, from the Committee of Ways and Means, was reported by Mr. Houston, and not by Mr. Haven, as appears upon the journal of that date.

On motion of Mr. James C. Allen, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the heirs of Nathan Taylor; of the petition of Mrs. Barbara Rall, widow of Thomas Rall, deceased; and of the petition of A. S. Jordan and B. Jordan, sons of Thomas Jordan; and that the first named case be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, and that the two last-named cases be laid on the table.

The House having proceeded to the consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 60) entitled "An act authorizing the construction of a subterranean line of telegraph from the Mississippi or Missouri rivers to the Pacific ocean," reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, with a recommendation that the enacting clause be stricken out—the pending question being on the motion of Mr. Richardson to recommit the same,

Mr. Richardson withdrew his said motion to recommit.

When,

The Speaker stated the question to be on agreeing to the report of the committee.

Mr. Richardson moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said report was disagreed to.

The question then being on the third reading of the bill,

Mr. Richardson moved to amend the same, by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof the following, viz :

That Hiram O. Alden and James Eddy, their associates and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to construct, at their own expense, a line of telegraph from such point on the Mississippi or Missouri river as they may hereafter select, through the public lands belonging to the United States—over which lands the right of way, two hundred feet in width, for that purpose, is hereby granted—to San Francisco, in California, in as direct a line as practicable.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That all voluntary or intentional injuries to said line of telegraph, or to any property thereto belonging, within the territories of the United States, shall be deemed, and are hereby declared, to be wilful and malicious trespasses, and shall be punished as such; and all laws of the United States now in force in any territory thereof, or which may hereafter be enacted, for the better security and protection of property, and applicable to such offences, shall be, and they hereby are, extended, for the protection of said line of telegraph, into and over all the territory belonging to and under the jurisdiction of the United States, through which the same may be constructed; and all legal process and proceedings for the detection and punishment of the aforesaid offences shall be within the jurisdiction of*

the courts, and shall be issued and executed by the proper law officers in the States or organized Territories.

Pending which,

Mr. Richardson moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said amendment was agreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be read a third time.

The question then being on its passage,

Mr. Richardson moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 110
Nays..... 70

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
David J. Bailey
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
James S. Chrisman
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis
Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt
John Dick
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
Thomas D. Elliot
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge

Mr. William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas T. Flagler
John R. Franklin
Thomas J. D. Fuller
Joshua R. Giddings
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Aaron Harlan
Andrew J. Harlan
Solomon G. Haven
Bernhart Henn
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Harvey H. Johnson
Roland Jones
James Knox
James J. Lindley
James A. McDougall
Daniel Mace
Orsamus B. Matteson
Augustus E. Maxwell
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Phillip Phillips

Mr. James T. Pratt
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
William A. Richardson
David Ritchie
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
George A. Simmons
Charles Skelton
Samuel A. Smith
George W. Smyth
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hester L. Stevens
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Elihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
Theodorick R. Westbrook
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zolliscoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William S. Ashe
Thomas H. Bayly
William Barkedale
Thomas H. Benton
Samuel A. Bridges
Preston S. Brooks
Mr. John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Leander M. Cox
Burton Craige

Mr. John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
Augustus Drum
Henry A. Edmundson
Andrew Ellison
Reuben E. Feuton

Mr. Thomas B. Florence
 James Gamble
 William O. Goode
 William T. Hamilton
 Sampson W. Harris
 Wiley P. Harris
 George Hastings
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Harry Hibbard
 Junius Hillyer
 George S. Houston
 Daniel T. Jones
 George W. Jones
 J. Glancy Jones
 John Kerr
 George W. Kittredge
 William H. Kurtz
 Alfred W. Lamb

Mr. James H. Lane
 John Letcher
 Charles S. Lewis
 William D. Lindale
 John McCulloch
 Fayette McMullen
 John McQueen
 Henry May
 Smith Miller
 John S. Millson
 William Murray
 Matthias H. Nichols
 David A. Noble
 Andrew Oliver
 Asa Packer
 Bishop Perkins
 John S. Phelps

Mr. Paulus Powell
 Charles Ready
 Thomas Ritchey
 Thomas Ruffin
 Wilson Shannon
 Henry M. Shaw
 Jacob Shower
 Otho R. Singleton
 William R. Smith
 Christian M. Straub
 Andrew Stuart
 Michael C. Trout
 Joshua Vansant
 John Wentworth
 John Wheeler
 William H. Witte
 Hendrick B. Wright.

So the bill was passed.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, the title of the said bill was amended, by striking out the word "subterranean."

The title as amended was then agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the amendments of the House to the said bill.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the joint resolution of the House (No. 46) authorizing the legislative assembly of Utah to continue their sessions for a term not exceeding sixty days, instead of forty days, as heretofore provided, reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, without amendment; the pending question being on the motion of Mr. Richardson to recommit the same.

Mr. Richardson having withdrawn his said motion to recommit,

The Speaker stated the question to be on the engrossment of the joint resolution.

Pending which,

Mr. Richardson moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 688) to amend the act approved 26th August, 1852, entitled "An act to reduce and define the boundaries of the military reserve at St. Peter's river, in the Territory of Minnesota," and for other purposes, reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House with an amendment; the pending question being on the motion of Mr. Richardson to recommit.

Mr. Richardson having withdrawn his said motion to recommit,

The Speaker stated the question to be on agreeing to the amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 689) to establish the office of surveyor general of Utah, and to grant land to actual settlers therein, reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, with a recommendation that the enacting clause be stricken out; the pending question being on the motion of Mr. Disney to recommit the same.

Mr. Disney having withdrawn his said motion to recommit,

The Speaker stated the question to be on agreeing to the said report of the committee.

Pending which,

Mr. George W. Jones moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered to be put.

When,

Mr. McMullen moved that the bill be laid on the table; which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put, Shall the enacting clause be stricken out?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 109
Nays..... 74

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Appleton
David J. Bailey
Thomas H. Bayly
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barkedale
Nathan Belcher
Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bocock
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Preston S. Brooks
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
George W. Chase
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt
John Dick
Edward Dickinson
Norman Eddy
Thomas D. Eliot
John M. Elliott

Mr. Andrew Ellison
E. Wilder Farley
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
John R. Franklin
James Gamble
Joshua R. Giddings
William O. Goode
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Aaron Harlan
Sampson W. Harris
Harry Hibbard
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
J. Glancy Jones
John Kerr
George W. Kittredge
James Knox
John Letcher
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindale
John McCulloch
Fayette McMullen
Orasmus B. Matteson
Henry May
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
John S. Millaon

Mr. Edwin B. Morgan
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell
James T. Pratt
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
Peter Rowe
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Charles Skelton
Frederick P. Stanton
Andrew Stuart
John Taylor

Mr. John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade

Mr. William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.

Mr. John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler
William H. Witte
Richard Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William S. Ashe
Henry Bennett
Thomas H. Benton
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Robert M. Bugg
John S. Caskie
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
Carlton B. Curtis
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
David T. Disney
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
Henry A. Edmundson
William H. English
Thomas J. D. Fuller
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey

Mr. William T. Hamilton
Andrew J. Harlan
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Isaac E. Hiestor
Junius Hillyer
Theodore G. Hunt
Collin M. Ingersoll
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
John McQueen
Daniel Mace
Augustus E. Maxwell

Mr. Smith Miller
George W. Morrison
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
John Perkins, jr.
William Preston
John Robbins, jr.
Thomas Ruffin
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Samuel A. Smith
William Smith
William R. Smith
George W. Stryth
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Isaac Teller
Michael C. Trout
Daniel Wells, jr.
Theodorie E. Westbrook
Hendrick B. Wright.

So the bill was rejected.

Mr. Phelps moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered.

After debate, and pending the question thereon,

Mr. Warren moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. Orr moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which motion was disagreed to.

The question then recurring on the demand for the previous question, it was seconded and the main question ordered and put, viz:

Shall the said vote be reconsidered?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

So the motion to reconsider was agreed to.

And the question again recurred on agreeing to the report of the committee.

Pending which,

Mr. Disney moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the report of the committee was disagreed to.

The Speaker then stated the question to be on the engrossment of the bill.

Pending which,

Mr. Disney moved to amend the same by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof the following, viz:

That the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,

shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint a surveyor general for Utah, whose annual salary shall be three thousand dollars, and whose power, authority, and duties, shall be the same as those provided by law for the surveyor general of Oregon, prior to the act of July 17, 1854; and he shall locate his office, from time to time, at such places as may be directed by the President of the United States.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That when the lands in said Territory shall be surveyed, under the direction of the government of the United States, preparatory to bringing the same into market, sections numbered sixteen and thirty-six in each township in said Territory shall be, and the same are hereby, reserved for the purpose of being applied to schools in said Territory, and in the States and Territories hereafter to be created out of the same.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That when the lands in said Territory shall be surveyed as aforesaid, a quantity of land equal to two townships shall be, and the same is hereby, reserved for the establishment of a university in said Territory, and in the State hereafter to be created out of the same, to be selected under the direction of the legislature, in legal subdivisions of not less than one half-section, and to be disposed of as said legislature may direct.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That full power and authority are hereby given to the Secretary of the Interior to issue all needful rules and regulations for fully carrying into effect the several provisions of this act.

Pending which,

Mr. Disney moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered to be put.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the bill be laid on the table.

And the question being put, it was decided in the negative.

The question then recurred on the amendment submitted by Mr. Disney.

And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 127
Nays..... 57

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
David J. Bailey
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barkedale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennett
George Bliss
John C. Breckinridge
Preston S. Brooks
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook

Mr. William Cullom
Thomas W. Cumming
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
David T. Disney
Augustus Drum
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
John M. Elliott
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge
E. Wilder Farley
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
Henry C. Goodwin
Frederick W. Green

Mr. Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
William T. Hamilton
Sampson W. Harris
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Junius Hillyer
George S. Houston
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
R. J. Jones

Mr. Lawrence M. Keitt
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 George W. Kittredge
 William H. Kurtz
 Alfred W. Lamb
 James H. Lane
 Charles S. Lewis
 Samuel Lilly
 James J. Lindley
 William D. Lindaley
 Moses Macdonald
 John McNair
 John McQueen
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 Nor Middlewarth
 Smith Miller
 John S. Millson
 George W. Morrison
 William Murray
 Matthias H. Nichols
 David A. Noble
 Jesse O. Norton
 Edson B. Olds

Mr. Andrew Oliver
 Mordecai Oliver
 James L. Orr
 Asa Packer
 Samuel W. Parker
 Jared V. Peck
 John S. Phelps
 Richard C. Puryear
 Charles Ready
 William A. Richardson
 Thomas Ritchey
 John Robbins, jr.
 Peter Rowe
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 James L. Seward
 Origen S. Seymour
 Henry M. Shaw
 Jacob Shower
 George A. Simmons
 Otho R. Singleton
 Charles Skelton

Mr. Samuel A. Smith
 William Smith
 George W. Smyth
 Richard H. Stanton
 Hester L. Stevens
 Christian M. Straub
 David Stuart
 John J. Taylor
 John L. Taylor
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Michael C. Trout
 Charles W. Upham
 Joshua Vaneant
 Hiram Walbridge
 Edward A. Warren
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Daniels Wells, jr.
 John Wentworth
 Theodorice R. Westbrook
 Hendrick B. Wright
 Richard Yates
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Edward Ball
 Samuel P. Benson
 Thomas S. Bocoek
 William W. Boyce
 Samuel A. Bridges
 Francis M. Bristow
 Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
 Joseph R. Chandler
 George W. Chase
 James S. Chrisman
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 Moses B. Corwin
 Leander M. Cox
 Samuel L. Crocker
 John L. Dawson
 Alexander De Witt
 John Dick
 Edward Dickinson
 Henry A. Edmundson

Mr. Thomas D. Elliot
 Andrew Ellison
 Thomas T. Flagler
 John R. Franklin
 William O. Goode
 Aaron Harlan
 Andrew J. Harlan
 Solomon G. Haven
 Colin M. Ingersoll
 George W. Jones
 John Kerr
 James Knox
 John Letcher
 John McCulloch
 Fayette McMullen
 Orsamus B. Matteson
 Henry May
 Samuel Mayall
 James Meacham

Mr. Edwin B. Morgan
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 Bishop Perkins
 Paulus Powell
 James T. Pratt
 William Preston
 Benjamin Pringle
 David Ritchie
 Thomas Ruffin
 William R. Sapp
 Wilson Shannon
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Andrew Tracy
 William A. Walker
 Samuel H. Walley
 Tappan Wentworth
 John Wheeler.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on its passage,

Mr. Disney moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered to be put.

When,

Mr. McMullen moved that the bill be laid on the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas 64
 { Nays 114

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present.
 Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
 Edward Ball
 Samuel P. Benson

Mr. Thomas S. Bocoek
 Samuel A. Bridges
 Robert M. Bugg

Mr. John S. Caskie
 Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
 Joseph R. Chandler

Mr. George W. Chase
James S. Chrisman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt
John Dick
Edward Dickinson
Henry A. Edmondson
Thomas D. Eliot
Andrew Ellison
Thomas T. Flagler
John R. Franklin
William O. Goode
Henry C. Goodwin
Aaron Harlan
Solomon G. Haven

Mr. George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
John Kerr
James Knox
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
James J. Lindley
John McCulloch
Fayette McMullen
Daniel Mace
Orsamus B. Matteson
Henry May
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
George W. Morrison

Mr. Alex. C. M. Pennington
Paulus Powell
William Preston
Richard C. Puryear
David Ritchie
Thomas Ruffin
William R. Sapp
Wilson Shannon
William Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Andrew Stuart
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Andrew Tracy
Edward Wade
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
John Wheeler
Richard Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
David J. Bailey
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Thomas H. Benton
William W. Boyce
Francis M. Bristow
Preston S. Brooks
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Elijah W. Chastain
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
David T. Disney
Augustus Drum
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
John M. Elliott
Emerson Etheridge
Charles J. Faulkner
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas B. Florence
James Gamble
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
William T. Hamilton
Sampson W. Harris

Mr. Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Junius Hillyer
George S. Houston
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Colin M. Ingersoll
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
Zedekiah Kidwell
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindsley
Moses Macdonald
John McNair
John McQueen
Augustus E. Maxwell
Smith Miller
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck

Mr. John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
Benjamin Pringle
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
William A. Richardson
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
George A. Russell
Alvah Sabin
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Otho R. Singleton
Charles Skelton
Samuel A. Smith
George W. Smyth
Richard H. Stanton
Heator L. Stevens
Christian M. Straub
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Michael C. Trout
Joshua Vansant
Elihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Theodore R. Westbrook
Hendrick B. Wright
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the House refused to lay the bill on the table.

The question was then put, under the operation of the previous question, Shall the bill pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

So the bill was passed.

Mr. Disney moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Richard H. Stanton, the title of the said bill was amended by striking out the words "grant lands to actual settlers thereon."

On motion of Mr. Letcher, the said title was further amended by inserting at the end thereof the words "*grant land for school and university purposes.*"

And then, the said title as amended was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 30. An act for the relief of Thomas Marston Taylor;

S. 529. An act to incorporate St. Joseph's Male Orphan Asylum, in the District of Columbia;

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

Mr. De Witt, from the same committee, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, a bill of the following title, viz:

S. 435. An act making appropriations for the construction of certain military roads in the Territories of Nebraska and Washington;

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill and joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

S. Res. 36. A resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to sell a portion of the site of the arsenal at Fayetteville, North Carolina, and to purchase other land with the proceeds of such sale; and

S. 550. An act changing the appropriation for the erection of a building in the city of Milwaukie for a custom-house, post office, and the United States courts;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary, notifying the House that he did, on the 31st ultimo, approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 482. An act for the relief of Zabina Rawson.

H. R. 433. An act for the relief of James Wright, jr., of the State of Tennessee.

H. R. 458. An act for the relief of Joseph Webb.

H. R. 565. An act to repeal an act for the relief of the legal representatives of Samuel Prioleau, deceased.

H. R. 190. An act for the relief of William Hankins.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, by unanimous consent, from the select committee to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States on the subject of the Memphis navy yard, submitted a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 711) to re-establish the Memphis navy yard; which bill was read a first and second time, referred to the said committee, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the motion heretofore submitted by Mr. Wheeler to reconsider the vote by which the bill of the House (No. 651) for the relief of Samuel A. Belden & Co. was rejected.

Pending which,

Mr. Edgerton moved that the said motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

And the question being put on the latter motion,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 66
Nays..... 85

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William S. Ashe
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Thomas S. Bocoek
Samuel A. Bridges
Preston S. Brooks
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chaastain
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Barton Craig
John G. Davis
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
Andrew Ellison
Thomas T. Flagler
Joshua R. Giddings
William T. Hamilton
Sampson W. Harris
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings

Mr. Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Junius Hillyer
George S. Houston
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
Zedekiah Kidwell
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindale
Moses Macdonald
Fayette McMullen
John McQuessa
Smith Miller
John S. Millson

Mr. Edwin B. Morgan
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
Bishop Perkins
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Charles Ready
Thomas Ruffin
James L. Seward
Henry M. Shaw
Otho R. Singleton
Charles Skelton
Samuel A. Smith
George W. Smyth
Andrew Stuart
John J. Taylor
Andrew Tracy
Joshua Vansant
Felix K. Zollcoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Appleton
David J. Bailey
Thomas H. Bayly
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas H. Benton
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Samuel Clark

Mr. Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis
Thomas Davis
John Dick
William Dunbar
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Elliot
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas B. Florence

Mr. John R. Franklin
Henry C. Goodwin
Ben Edwards Grey
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
James Knox
John McCulloch
James A. McDougall
John McNair
Orasmus B. Matteson

Mr. Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middlewarch
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle

Mr. Richard C. Puryear
David A. Reese
John Robbins, jr
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
George A. Simmons
William Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hestor L. Stevens
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller

Mr. Benjamin B. Thurston
Charles W. Upham
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Elliuh B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodoric R. Westbrook
Hendrick B. Wright
Richard Yates.

So the House refused to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.
The question then recurred on the motion to reconsider.
And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 89
Nays..... 65

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Appleton
David J. Bailey
Thomas H. Bayly
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas H. Benton
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
William Cullom
Thomas Davis
William Dunbar
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Eliot
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas B. Florence

Mr. John B. Franklin
Joshua R. Giddings
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
John Kerr
James Knox
John McCulloch
James A. McDougall
Orsamus B. Matteson
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middlewarch
Edwin B. Morgan
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
John Perkins, jr.
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle

Mr. Richard C. Puryear
David A. Reese
William A. Richardson
Peter Rowe
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
Wilson Shannon
George A. Simmons
William Smith
William R. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hestor L. Stevens
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Charles W. Upham
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Elliuh B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodoric R. Westbrook
Hendrick B. Wright
Richard Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Barkdale
William S. Barry
• Thomas S. Boccock
Samuel A. Bridges
John S. Caskie
Williamson R. W. Cobb

Mr. Burton Craige
Carlton B. Curtis
John G. Davis
Cyrus L. Dunham
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison

Mr. Thomas J. D. Fuller
Frederick W. Green
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
• Sampson W. Harris
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven

Mr. Thomas A. Hendricks	Mr. William D. Lindale	Mr. Thomas Ruffin
Bernhart Henn	John McNair	Samuel L. Russell
Harry Hibbard	John McQueen	James L. Seward
Junius Hillyer	Smith Miller	Henry M. Shaw
George S. Houston	John S. Millson	Otho B. Singleton
Harvey H. Johnson	George W. Morrison	Charles Skelton
Daniel T. Jones	William Murray	George W. Smyth
George W. Jones	Matthias H. Nichols	Andrew Stuart
Zedekiah Kidwell	Mordecai Oliver	John J. Taylor
George W. Kitredge	James L. Orr	Andrew Tracy
William H. Kurtz	Asa Packer	Joshua Vansant
Alfred W. Lamb	Bishop Perkins	William H. Witte
Charles S. Lewis	John S. Phelps	Felix K. Zollicoffer.
Samuel Lilly	Charles Ready	

So the motion to reconsider was agreed to.

The question again recurred on the passage of the bill.

Pending which,

By unanimous consent the said bill was amended by striking out before the word "merchandise" the words "the tobacco and other," and inserting after the word "merchandise," the words "*except tobacco.*"

Mr. Frederick P. Statton moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered to be put.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Craige, at 3 o'clock and 40 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1855.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Franklin: The petition of citizens of the State of Maryland, for a mail-route from Sandy Hill, via Lindseyville, to Oak Grove, in Worcester county, in said State.

By Mr. Letcher: The petition of citizens of Rockbridge, Virginia, for a mail-route from Lexington to Kerr's creek, to be changed so as to pass by Kirkpatrick's shop, in Rockbridge, in said State.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Thomas Davis: The petition of the heirs and legal representatives of David Brown, a soldier of the war of the Revolution, for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. William Smith: The memorial of sundry soldiers and widows of soldiers of the war of 1812, who reside in the State of Virginia, for the extension of the provisions of the bounty-land law of 1850, so as to grant 160 acres of land to all who served in said war; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Henn: Eight joint resolutions of the legislature of the State of Iowa, in relation to mail service in said State; which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Fenton: The petition of the heirs and legal representatives of Elisha Murray, of New York, a soldier in the war of the Revolution, for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Aiken: The petition of citizens of the city of Charleston, South Carolina, for the abolition of the duty on coal; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Florence: The petition of Edmund Du Barry, surgeon United States navy—heretofore presented December 15, 1847; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Fenton: Two petitions of the citizens of the State of New York against the renewal of Woodworth's patent; which were referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Goodwin: The petition of the heirs and legal representatives of Edward Rogers, of Cornwall, a soldier of the revolutionary war, for money expended and services rendered by their ancestor during said war; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Benson: The memorial of the members of the Board of Agriculture of the State of Maine, for the establishment of a department of agriculture at Washington city, under the charge of a cabinet officer equal in rank to that of other cabinet officers; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Faulkner: The letter of the Secretary of War in reference to the pay of the civil superintendents of the national armories; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a report exhibiting the pay and allowances of the several officers of the navy and marine corps of the United States, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1854; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 562. An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending June 30, 1856; and

H. R. 662. An act to change the names of the American-built vessels "J. H. Holmes" and "Franklin Pierce;"

the former with amendments, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House; and the latter without amendment.

The Senate have also passed bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 575. An act for the relief of James Hodges Gale; and

S. 576. An act to create an additional land district in the State of California;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Haven, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the said bill of the House No. 562, with the amendments of the Senate thereto, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Phelps, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 712) to amend the act entitled "An act to extend pre-emption rights to certain lands therein mentioned;" which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Phelps, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution of the Senate (No. 29) entitled "A resolution for the relief of the Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota;" and that the same be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

On motion of Mr. English, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Martha Scott.

The papers in the said case were thereupon delivered to Mr. English.

Mr. English, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 713) for the relief of Doctor William F. Sherrod; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Corwin, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Mary Eve Carney, widow of John Carney, for the purpose of reference to the Pension Office.

The papers in the said case were thereupon delivered to Mr. Corwin.

On motion of Mr. Fuller, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of a letter of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to a custom-house, post office, and United States court-house at Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and that the same be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Subsequently,

On motion of Mr. Houston, the said vote was reconsidered, and the question again recurring on the motion of Mr. Fuller, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. Fenton having called up the motion heretofore submitted by Mr. Millson to reconsider the vote by which the bill of the House (No. 407) to remit the duties upon certain goods destroyed by fire in the cities of New York and San Francisco, was committed to a Committee of the Whole House,

On motion of Mr. Fenton,

Ordered, That the said motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Florence, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Charles F. Sibbald, for the purpose of reference in the Senate.

The papers in the said case were thereupon delivered to Mr. Florence.

Mr. Roland Jones, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 714) to extend the provisions of the pre-emption act of 4th September, 1841; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Hendricks, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom were referred the petitions of Kennedy O'Brien, Charles Connor, Joel Collins, William Bullock, Salvador Accardi, and Abner Merrill, made reports thereon, accompanied by bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 715. A bill for the relief of Kennedy O'Brien;

H. R. 716. A bill granting a pension to Charles Connor;

H. R. 717. A bill for the relief of Joel Collins;

H. R. 718. A bill for the relief of William Bullock;

H. R. 719. A bill for the relief of Salvador Accardi;

H. R. 720. A bill for the relief of Abner Merrill;

which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Ordered, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William D. Acken and Julia Acken, representatives of William Yool; and that the same be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Ordered, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions in the following named cases, and that the same be laid on the table, viz: Dr. Richard W. Stockton; Thomas Hendrickson, of Jasper county, Kentucky; E. F. Gilbert, John Henry, Mrs. Ann Neppins, Martha Swain, daughter of James Swain; James Harrington, Jane M. Rudolph, widow of Thomas C. Rudolph; James B. Langdale, Maurice K. Simons, Samuel Butler, William Pool, and J. W. Knipe, of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Faulkner, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 141) entitled "An act for the relief of Richard Fitzpatrick," reported the same without amendment, accompanied by a report in writing thereon.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and that the bill and report be printed.

Mr. Faulkner, by unanimous consent, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Isabella Crough, mother of the late Lieutenant Michael P. Doyle, of the 15th regiment United States infantry, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 721) for her relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Faulkner, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Whitemarsh B. Seabrook and others, for the purpose of reference in the Senate.

The papers in the said case were thereupon delivered to Mr. Hunt.

On motion of Mr. Faulkner, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Margaret and Elizabeth Clapsaddle, heirs of John Jost Hess; and of Jacob Rudolph; and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Hillyer, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of Lewis Benedict, of Ruhama Whitaker, and Rebecca Whitaker, and of the legal representatives of John Ervin, deceased, made reports thereon, accompanied by bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 722. A bill for the relief of Lewis Benedict;

H. R. 723. A bill to confirm the title of Ruhama Whitaker and Rebecca Whitaker to certain lands in the State of Louisiana;

H. R. 724. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of John Ervin, deceased ;
which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Hillyer, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of C. G. Hunter ; of the petition of Gaston Turner Raoul ; of the joint resolution of Washington Territory, relative to a confirmation of the land claim to Edward Giddings, jr. ; and a bill of the House (No. 257) for the relief of Nathaniel Ewing, assignee of the interest of H. Richard ; and that the same be laid on the table.

The House then resumed the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 651) for the relief of Samuel A. Belden & Co. ; the pending question being on its passage, and upon which the main question was ordered to be put.

The question was then put, Shall the bill pass ?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 86
Nays..... 59

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Appleton
Thomas H. Bayly
Edward Ball
Peter H. Bell
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Thomas Davis
John Dick
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Thomas D. Eliot
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas B. Florence
John R. Franklin
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin

Mr. Ben Edwards Grey
Andrew J. Harlan
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Harvey H. Johnson
John Kerr
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
James A. McDougall
John McNair
Orasmus B. Matteson
Augustus E. Maxwell
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
Alex. C. M. Pennington
John Perkins, jr.
James T. Pratt
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear

Mr. David A. Reese
William A. Richardson
Thomas Ritehey
Peter Rowe
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
Wilson Shannon
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
William Smith
William R. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hester L. Stevens
John L. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Charles W. Upham
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Theodor R. Westbrook
Hendrick B. Wright
Richard Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
David J. Bailey
William Barksdale
Thomas S. Bocock

Mr. William W. Boyce
Samuel A. Bridges
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman

Mr. Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Carlton B. Curtis
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson

Mr. Norman Eddy
 Alfred P. Edgerton
 Henry A. Edmundson
 Andrew Ellison
 James Gamble
 William O. Goode
 William T. Hamilton
 Aaron Harlan
 Sampson W. Harris
 Wiley P. Harris
 Solomon G. Haven
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Bernhart Henn
 Junius Hillyer
 George S. Houston

Mr. Daniel T. Jones
 George W. Jones
 J. Glancy Jones
 George W. Kittredge
 Alfred W. Lamb
 John Letcher
 Samuel Lilly
 John McQueen
 John S. Millson
 George W. Morrison
 William Murray
 Matthias H. Nichols
 Asa Packer
 John S. Phelps
 Paulus Powell

Mr. Charles Ready
 Thomas Ruffin
 Samuel L. Russell
 James L. Seward
 Henry M. Shaw
 Otho R. Singleton
 Charles Skelton
 Samuel A. Smith
 George W. Smyth
 John J. Taylor
 Andrew Tracy
 Joshua Vansant
 Daniel B. Wright
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the bill was passed.

Mr. Campbell moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The Speaker then proceeded to call the committees for reports on private business.

Mr. Boyce, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 424) entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Swain," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

Mr. Giddings, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of William Monagan, reported a joint resolution (H. Res. 53) in favor of William Monagan; which was read a first and second time.

By unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the said resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

On motion of Mr. Aaron Harlan,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John P. Norton, and that the same be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Fuller,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Henry Smalley, of Troy, New York; of the petition of Thomas C. Cardwell; of sundry memorials asking that aid may be furnished for the rescue of Dr. Kane; of the memorials of the Board of Trade of Philadelphia, in favor of appropriations for a light-house on Cape Race, and for the completion of the works on the Delaware river and bay; of the petition of steamboat owners and others for a modification of the law relative to the clearance of vessels engaged in the coastwise trade; of the memorial of merchants, ship-owners, pilots, &c., of Philadelphia, for a light-house on Tinicum island; of the petition of William Hooper; of the petition of Miles Castin; and of the petition of citizens of Galveston, Texas, relative to the superintendence of the pier-lights in that harbor.

Ordered, That the said petitions and memorials be laid on the table.

Mr. Henn, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Willis Bennefiel, of Indiana, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 725) for his relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Hiester,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the following bill and petitions, viz:

S. 359. An act granting bounty land to Elizabeth Summers, widow of Cornelius Sumners, a soldier of the late war with Great Britain;

The petition of Sylvanus L. Henderson;

The petition of Eunice Fairbanks, widow of Elisha Howard;

The petition of John Barrett; and

The petition of citizens of White county, Arkansas, in behalf of Hugh Reed;

and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Wiley P. Harris, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Kerr, of Iowa, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 726) for his relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Frederick P. Stanton,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the following joint resolution, resolutions, and petitions, and that the same be laid on the table, viz:

H. Res. 2. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, in regard to the mode of election of President and Vice President of the United States;

Resolutions of inquiry in regard to the expediency of dividing the State of Iowa into two judicial districts, and in regard to the expediency of dividing Texas into two judicial districts; the petitions of G. B. Lamar, of New York; of Abelard Guthrie, of J. B. Woodfin, of Joseph Mahan, and of Enoch Honeywell; the opinion of the supreme court of Rhode Island in the case of T. W. Dorr; the petitions of citizens of Oswego county, New York, and Fulton county, Illinois, in favor of the arbitration of national difficulties; and the memorial of the legislature of the State of Wisconsin, relative to the jurisdiction of the United States district court of Wisconsin.

On motion of Mr. Eddy,

Ordered, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Peter Barnhart, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Eddy, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of Clement Sewall and of the heirs of Captain Frederick Schoonmaker, made adverse reports thereon; which were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Crocker,

Ordered, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged

from the further consideration of the petitions of the heirs of William Curry, deceased; of John T. Hargrave, and the other heirs of Alexander Rose, deceased; and of John W. Wilder, administrator of Stephen C. Graham, deceased; and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Corwin, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Caroline Fierer, the sole residuary legatee of Charles Fierer, deceased, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 727) for her relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Orr, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 461) entitled "An act for the relief of the Office of Indian Affairs," reported the same with an amendment to the title, accompanied by a report in writing thereon.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and that the bill and report be printed.

On motion of Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the legislative assembly of Washington Territory, relative to the extinction of the Indian title to lands east of the Cascade mountains, and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Greenwood, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 315) entitled "An act for the relief of Israel Johnson," reported the same with an amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

Mr. Maxwell, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 437) entitled "An act for the relief of John Shaw," reported the same without amendment, accompanied by a report in writing thereon.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and that the bill and report be printed.

Mr. Etheridge, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Joel Henry Dyer, reported a joint resolution (H. Res. 54) for the relief of Joel Henry Dyer, which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ingersoll, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 430) entitled "An act for the relief of Henry S. Sanford," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

Mr. Ingersoll, by unanimous consent, presented the petition of G. W. Penfield, asking that Congress will cause the "Stanton Patent Life-boat," and "Nautilus Life-preserver," to be used in the various departments of the government; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Zollicoffer,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of James McCormick, assignee of Robert A. Parker, and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Shower, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Willis Wilson and William W. Wilson, grandsons of Lieutenant Willis Wilson, deceased, and of the heirs of Colonel John Mead, deceased; which were severally laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Middleswarth, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 392) entitled "An act granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Frances Smith, of South Carolina," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

Mr. Israel Washburn, jr., from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom were referred bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

S. 131. An act for the relief of the heirs of Judith Worthen, deceased; and

S. 101. An act for the relief of the children of the late Lieutenant Michael Everly, a revolutionary officer—reported the same severally without amendment, accompanied by a report in writing in the first-named case.

Ordered, That the said bills be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and that the bills and report be printed.

On motion of Mr. Israel Washburn, jr.,

Ordered, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of citizens of North Carolina, in behalf of Matthew Vandiver; of Avis Ennis, of Newport, Rhode Island; of John C. Finckel, son of Dr. Philip M. Finckel; and of Peter Guise and Starling Guise, heirs of Philip Guise; and that the same be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Rowe,

Ordered, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of the heirs and legal representatives of John Cotton, and of Tabitha Lester, daughter of Morgan Lester, and that the same be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Edmundson,

Ordered, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the heirs of Samuel Tibbald, and that the same be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Ordered, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Ephraim Page and of James Simmons, and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Hendricks, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Frederick A. Heisley, made an adverse report thereon; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Edmundson, from the Committee on Expenditures on the Public

Buildings, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph C. G. Kennedy, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 728) for his relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hughes, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Hercules L. Dousman, reported a bill (H. R. 729) to confirm to certain persons therein named their titles to certain lots in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Smith Miller gave notice, under the rule, of his intention to move for leave to introduce a bill for continuing temporarily the offices of register and receiver at Vincennes, Indiana.

Private bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

S. 460. An act for the relief of Ephraim Hunt;

S. 544. An act for the relief of Mary Felch, widow of Reverend Cheever Felch, deceased;

S. 481. An act for the relief of Captain Thomas Ap Catesby Jones;

S. 538. An act for the relief of Jacob Dodson; and

S. 575. An act for the relief of James Hodges Gale—

were severally read a first and second time, and referred as follows, viz:

S. 460, to the Committee of Claims;

S. 544 and 575, to the Committee on Public Lands;

S. 481, to the Committee on Naval Affairs; and

S. 538, to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The bill of the Senate (No. 491) entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel A. Belden and Company," was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Edgerton,

Ordered, That the said bill be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Edgerton, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House upon the private calendar; and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hibbard reported that the committee having had the private calendar under consideration, had directed him to report bills and joint resolutions of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 609. A bill for the relief of Henry H. Marsh;

S. 244. An act for the relief of E. J. McLane;

H. R. 619. A bill for the relief of Joseph Ridgway;

J. R. 41. A joint resolution for the relief of John Dugan;

H. R. 621. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of William A. Christian;

H. R. 622. A bill for the relief of Sarah Morriss, only heir of Robert Mitchell, deceased;

H. R. 623. A bill for the relief of William Brown;

H. R. 624. A bill for the relief of James McIntire;

H. R. 625. A bill for the relief of Solomon La Follett;

H. R. 626. A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Foreman;

H. R. 627. A bill for the relief of Thomas C. Ramsey and Ananias O. Richardson;

H. R. 629. A bill for the further relief of Isaac Allen, of Turner, in the State of Maine;

H. R. 630. A bill for the relief of Wyatt Griffith, of Washington county, in the State of Tennessee;

H. R. 642. A bill for the relief of Medford Caffey, of the State of Tennessee;

H. R. 668. A bill for the relief of Paul S. Ridgway, of Ohio;

J. R. 45. A joint resolution for the relief of James Hughes;

H. R. 682. A bill for the relief of Frederic Griffing;

H. R. 669. A bill granting a pension to Joseph McCormick;

H. R. 696. A bill for the benefit of the heirs of Philip R. Rice, deceased;

S. 254. An act for the relief of Catharine B. Arnold;

H. R. 697. A bill for the relief of the widow of William Irving, deceased;

H. R. 702. A bill for the relief of William Hagerty;

H. R. 703. A bill for the relief of Rebecca Winn, widow, and executrix of the last will and testament of Timothy Winn, deceased, late a purser in the navy of the United States;

H. R. 240. A bill for the relief of Thomas S. J. Johnson, of the Territory of New Mexico;

H. R. 705. A bill for the relief of the assignee of bounty-land warrant number twenty-seven thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, issued to William Phillips and Sarah Connor;

H. R. 706. A bill increasing the pension of Anthony W. Bayard, of Bellefont, in the State of Pennsylvania;

S. 447. An act to increase the pension of Patrick C. Miles.

H. R. 707. A bill for the relief of George Bush, of Thurston county, Washington Territory;

H. R. 709. A bill confirming a land claim to Elijah White, of the Territory of Washington;

H. R. 570. A bill for the relief of John R. Bowes, agent in charge of the property of the United States at Michigan City, in the State of Indiana;

H. R. 499. A bill to refund to the officers of the customs and others of the district of Passamaquoddy certain moneys—severally without amendment; and

S. 142. An act for the relief of Don B. Juan Domercq, a Spanish subject;

H. R. 628. A bill to repeal an act entitled "An act for the relief of George M. Bentley, of the State of Indiana," approved August five, eighteen hundred and fifty-four;

J. R. 42. A joint resolution for the relief of George W. McCerren;

S. 346. An act for the relief of the heirs-at-law of William Van Wart, deceased;

H. R. 700. A bill for the relief of the heirs of Thomas Morris;

H. R. 611. A bill for the relief of William G. Preston, late a captain in the war of the United States with Mexico;

H. R. 708. A bill for the relief of James P. Roan—
severally with amendments; and

S. 356. An act for the relief of George Dennett, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire—
with the recommendation that the said bill do not pass.

Mr. Letcher, by unanimous consent, moved to amend the bill of the House No. 627, just reported without amendment, by inserting after the word "Tennessee," in the fourth line, the words, "*and James McLaughlin, of Virginia.*"

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Haven, at 4 o'clock and 20 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1855.

The following petitions were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Lilly: The petition of Solomon Andrews, of Perth Amboy, Middlesex county, New Jersey, for remuneration for services performed and damages sustained by him in connexion with his contract to furnish the Post Office Department the "clam-shell" mail-boxes.

By Mr. Eastman: The petition of citizens of the State of Wisconsin, for a mail-route from Arqui, via Yellow Stone, to Mineral Point, in said State.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Greenwood: The petition of Richard Cottrell—heretofore presented January 26, 1835; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Thomas D. Eliot: The petition of Susan Worth, the step-mother of Major General Worth, for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Elihu B. Washburne: The petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, against the renewal of McCormick's, Hussey's, or Moore and Hascall's patent for reaping machines; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Edmundson: The petition of Charles H. Pointer—heretofore presented December 16, 1851; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. May: The petition of Granville S. Oldfield, a merchant of Baltimore, Maryland, for the refunding to him certain duties wrongfully paid by him to the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Florence: The petition of Mary Portman, widow of Henry Portman, who was killed by the falling of the derrick at the United States navy yard, Philadelphia, for relief;

Also, the petition of Isabella Duffey, widow of Charles Duffey, who was killed at the time and manner as above, for relief;

Also, the petition of Thomas Cahill, the brother of Patrick Cahill, who was killed at the time and manner as above stated, for relief.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Andrew J. Harlan : The petition of John Priddy, of Hamilton county, Indiana, a soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting information in answer to a resolution of the House of the 23d ultimo, relative to the treaty of May 6, 1854, with the Delaware Indians; the unlawful occupation of lands therein ceded; settlements and claims of army officers on said cession; response of the military to the demands of the Interior Department, &c.; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the following title, viz :

H. R. 662. An act to change the name of the American-built vessels "J. H. Holmes" and "Franklin Pierce;" when

The Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Green, from the same committee, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States resolutions of the following titles, viz :

S. Res. 30. A resolution relative to the construction of the laws for the allowance of additional compensation to the clerks in the Census Bureau; and

S. Res. 33. A resolution respecting the Arctic expedition commanded by Passed Assistant Surgeon E. K. Kane.

Mr. Faulkner, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, and, by unanimous consent, considered and agreed to, viz :

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be requested to communicate to this House all despatches and other information received by him, and on file in his office, relating to the engagement which took place near Fort Laramie, on the 19th of August, 1854, between a detachment of United States troops and the Sioux Indians.

Mr. Fuller, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (H. R. 730) authorizing the construction of a marine hospital at Chelsea, Massachusetts; which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Caskie, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the legal representatives of Joseph Nourse, deceased, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 731) for their relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the bills and resolutions reported yesterday from a Committee of the Whole House.

The following bills of the Senate, viz :

S. 244. An act for the relief of E. J. McLane;

S. 254. An act for the relief of Catharine B. Arnold;

S. 447. An act to increase the pension of Patrick C. Miles—reported without amendment, were severally ordered to be read a third time.

They were accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Bills and joint resolutions of the House of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 609. A bill for the relief of Henry H. Marsh;

H. R. 619. A bill for the relief of Joseph Ridgway;

H. Res. 41. A joint resolution for the relief of John Dugan;

H. R. 621. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of William A. Christian;

H. R. 622. A bill for the relief of Sarah Morris, only heir of Robert Mitchell, deceased;

H. R. 623. A bill for the relief of William Brown;

H. R. 624. A bill for the relief of James McIntire;

H. R. 625. A bill for the relief of Solomon La Follett;

H. R. 626. A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Foreman;

H. R. 629. A bill for the relief of Isaac Allen, of Turner, in the State of Maine;

H. R. 630. A bill for the relief of Wyatt Griffith, of Washington county, in the State of Tennessee;

H. R. 642. A bill for the relief of Medford Caffey, of the State of Tennessee;

H. R. 668. A bill for the relief of Paul S. Ridgway;

H. Res. 45. A joint resolution for the relief of James Hughes;

H. R. 669. A bill granting a pension to Joseph McCormick;

H. R. 696. A bill for the benefit of the heirs of Philip R. Rice, deceased;

H. R. 697. A bill for the relief of the widow of W. Irving, deceased;

H. R. 702. A bill for the relief of William Haggerty.

H. R. 703. A bill for the relief of Rebecca Winn, widow and executrix of the last will and testament of Timothy Winn, deceased, late a pursuer in the navy of the United States;

H. R. 240. A bill for the relief of Thomas S. J. Johnson;

H. R. 706. A bill increasing the pension of Anthony W. Bayard, of Bellefont, in the State of Pennsylvania;

H. R. 707. A bill for the relief of George Bush, of Thurston county, Washington Territory;

H. R. 709. A bill confirming a land claim to Elijah White, of the Territory of Washington;

H. R. 499. A bill to refund to the officers of the customs and others, of the district of Passamaquoddy, certain moneys—reported yesterday without amendment, were severally ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, they were accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

The bill of the House (No. 692) for the relief of Frederic Griffing, reported without amendment, was next taken up.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton moved to amend the same by inserting

after the word "paid," in the third line, the following, viz: "*out of the treasury;*" which motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

The bill of the House (No. 705) for the relief of the assignee of bounty land warrant No. 27,849, issued to William Phillips and Sarah Connor, reported without amendment, was next taken up.

On motion of Mr. Henn,

Ordered, That the said bill be laid on the table.

The bill of the House (No. 570) for the relief of John R. Bowes, agent in charge of the property of the United States at Michigan City, in the State of Indiana, reported without amendment, having been taken up,

Mr. Haven moved to amend the same by adding thereto the following, viz:

"*SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Isaac S. Smith, the sum of four hundred and fifty-two dollars and thirty-two cents, in full for his account for care and charge of the public property at the city of Buffalo, up to the 30th day of April, 1853, under the direction of the Topographical Bureau.*"

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative.

So the said amendment was agreed to.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read a third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Haven, the title of the said bill was amended by adding thereto the following, viz: "*and of Isaac S. Smith, of the city of Buffalo, New York;*" and, as amended, the title was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 627) for the relief of Thomas C. Ramsey and Ananias O. Richardson; the pending question being on the motion submitted yesterday by Mr. Letcher to amend the same.

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said amendment?

It was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Letcher,

Ordered, That the title of the said bill be amended by inserting at the end thereof the following, viz: "*and James McLaughlin.*"

The title, as amended, was then agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The amendment reported to the bill of the House (No. 628) to repeal an act entitled "An act for the relief of George M. Bentley, of the State of Indiana," approved August 5, 1854, was then read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Ordered, That the title of the said bill be amended by striking out the word "repeal," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "*amend*."

The title, as amended, was then agreed to.

The amendments reported to the bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

S. 142. An act for the relief of Don B. Juan Domercq, a Spanish subject; and

S. 346. An act for the relief of the heirs-at-law of William Van Wart, deceased—

were severally read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the said bills be read a third time.

They were accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendments.

The amendments reported to the joint resolution and bill of the House of the following titles, viz:

H. Res. 42. A joint resolution for the relief of George W. McCerren; and

H. R. 708. A bill for the relief of James P. Roan—
were severally read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the said bill and joint resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, they were accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

The amendment reported to the bill of the House (No. 700) for the relief of the heirs of Thomas Morris, deceased, was then read.

Pending which,

Mr. Eddy moved to amend the same by adding thereto the words "*and grand-children*;" which motion was agreed to.

The said amendment as amended was then agreed to.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Eddy,

Ordered, That the title of the said bill be amended by striking out the word "heirs," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "*children and grand-children*."

The title as amended was then agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The amendment reported to the bill of the House (No. 611) for the relief of William G. Preston, late a captain in the war of the United States with Mexico, was then read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

The title was then amended by striking out all after "Preston;" and the title as amended was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The bill of the Senate (No. 356) entitled "An act for the relief of George Dennett, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire," reported with a recommendation that it do not pass, was next taken up.

On motion of Mr. Edgerton,

Ordered, That the said bill be laid on the table.

Mr. Edgerton moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas.....	85
{ Nays.....	77

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
Edward Ball
Nathan Belcher
George Bliss
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Preston S. Brooks
John S. Caakie
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
David T. Disney
William Dunbar
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
Henry A. Edmundson
Andrew Ellison
William Everhart
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence

Mr. Thomas J. D. Fuller
Ben Edwards Grey
Aaron Harlan
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Harvey H. Johnson
Roland Jones
George W. Kittredge
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindale
Daniel Mace
Henry May
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
George W. Morrison
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
Mordecai Oliver
Rufus W. Peckham
Paulus Powell
James T. Pratt
William Preston

Mr. Charles Ready
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Samuel L. Russell
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
George A. Simmons
Otho R. Singleton
William Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hester L. Stevens
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
John J. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Michael C. Trout
Charles W. Upham
Mike Walsh
Daniel Wells, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
Theodor R. Westbrook
William H. Witte
Hendrick B. Wright
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Appleton
William S. Ashe
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas S. Bocock
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase

Mr. Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
William Cullom
John L. Dawson
Ben C. Eastman
J. Wiley Edmonds
Thomas D. Eliot
John M. Elliott
Emerson Etheridge
E. Wilder Farley

Mr. Charles J. Faulkner
John R. Franklin
James Gamble
Henry C. Goodwin
Alfred B. Greenwood
Andrew J. Harlan
George Hastings
Harry Hibbard
Junius Hillyer
George S. Houston
Theodore G. Hunt
Daniel T. Jones

Mr. George W. Jones
 J. Glancy Jones
 Lawrence M. Keitt
 James Knox
 William H. Kurtz
 John Letcher
 James A. McDougall
 Orsamus B. Matteson
 Samuel Mayall
 Edwin B. Morgan
 David A. Noble
 Jesse O. Norton
 Edson B. Olds
 Andrew Oliver

Mr. Samuel W. Parker
 Jared V. Peck
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 John Perkins, jr.
 John S. Phelps
 Philip Phillips
 Benjamin Fringle
 Richard C. Puryear
 David A. Reese
 Peter Rowe
 Thomas Ruffin
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 William R. Sapp

Mr. Henry M. Shaw
 Charles Skelton
 Samuel A. Smith
 George W. Smyth
 Christian M. Straub
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Joshua Vansant
 Edward Wade
 Samuel H. Walley
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 John Wentworth.

So the said motion was agreed to.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House; and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Greenwood reported that the committee having, according to order, had the printed calendar under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 59) for the relief of Samuel Colt, had come to no resolution thereon.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Rowe, at 3 o'clock and 47 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1855.

The following petitions and other papers were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Lamb: The petition of John H. Shepherd and Walter K. Caldwell, for relief in relation to certain contracts for carrying the United States mails in the State of Missouri.

By Mr. Chamberlain: The petition of citizens of the State of Indiana, for a mail-route from Fort Wayne, in Allen county, to Liberty Mills, passing through the Waring and Tracy settlement, in said county.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Simmons: Additional papers in the case of Royal R. Platt, for a pension.

By Mr. Lindsley: The petition of R. R. Webber, for a pension, on account of permanent injuries received whilst in the discharge of his duties as light-house keeper at Huron, Ohio.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Chamberlain: The petition of Moses J. Hill, bringing to the attention of Congress his invention of percussion shells, and asking an appropriation to test its use and practicability; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. James H. Lane: The petition of J. C. Burton, of the State of Indiana, for increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Daniel T. Jones: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, for an extension of the bounty-land law of 1850, so as to grant

160 acres of land to each soldier, or his widow, who served during the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Rowe: Two petitions of the citizens of Schoharie county, New York, of like import with the foregoing; which were referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. May: The petition of Brevet Captain A. S. Taylor, of the United States marines, for indemnity for loss of property by the burning of the steamer Missouri, in 1843;

Also, the petition of Brevet Captain A. S. Taylor, of the United States marines, for compensation for services as assistant quartermaster at the port of Mahon.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Edmundson: Additional papers in the case of C. H. Pointer; which were referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Caruthers: The petition of the heirs of James Russell—heretofore presented January 7, 1850; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Also, the petition of John Byrd—heretofore presented January 7, 1850; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Farley: The petition of citizens of the State of Maine, for the reduction of the rates of ocean mail postage.

By Mr. Lewis: The petition of citizens of the State of Virginia, for a mail-route from Arnoldsbury, in Gilmer county, to the post office on Sandy, at Davison Adkinson's, in said county.

By Mr. Brooks: The petition of citizens of the State of South Carolina, for a mail-route from Columbia to Sandy Run, in said State.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Gamble: The petition of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, against any increase of pay to the members of Congress or other officers of the general government; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Pringle: Two petitions of citizens of the State of New York, for an extension of the provisions of the bounty-land law of 1850; which were referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House executive communications as follows, viz:

1. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury transmitting a tabular statement of the subsidence of the walls of the New Orleans custom-house, and a report from the superintendent thereof upon the subject; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

2. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury transmitting a copy of a communication from the Director of the mint, in relation to the profits on the coinage for the year 1854; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

The Speaker having announced as the business first in order the following resolution, submitted on Monday last by Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, under a suspension of the rules, viz:

Resolved, That the 7th day of February next be set apart for the

consideration of business of a public character reported, or to be reported, by the Committee on the Judiciary,

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, by unanimous consent, modified the same by striking out "7th day of February next," and inserting "*8th day of February instant*" in lieu thereof.

Mr. Skelton moved to amend the said resolution by adding at the end thereof the following, viz: "*And that one day be set apart for the consideration of reports of each of the other committees in their order;*" which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Bocock moved to amend the said resolution by adding thereto the following, viz: "*And that Tuesday, the 13th instant, be set apart for the consideration of bills of a public character from the Committee on Naval Affairs.*"

Pending which,

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said amendment was agreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the question was put, Will the House agree to the said resolution as amended?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas 126
Nays 43

Two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
Thomas H. Bayly
William Barkedale
Nathan Belcher
Samuel P. Benson
George Bias
Thomas S. Bocock
John C. Breckenridge
Francis M. Bristow
Lewis D. Campbell
Samuel Caruthers
John S. Caskie
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Leander M. Cox
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
David T. Disney
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
Thomas D. Elliot
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison

Mr. William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Flagler
John R. Franklin
Thomas J. D. Fuller
Joshua R. Giddings
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
Junius Hillyer
Thomas M. Howe
Theodore G. Hunt
Colin M. Ingersoll
Harvey H. Johnson
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
John Letcher
James J. Lindley
Caleb Lyon
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
John McNair
Daniel Mace
Augustus E. Maxwell
Samuel Mayall
Smith Miller
George W. Morrison

Mr. Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham
John Perkins, jr.
Paulus Powell
James T. Pratt
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
William A. Richardsom
George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Sion H. Rogers
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Charles Skelton
Samuel A. Smith
George W. Smyth
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Andrew Stuart
John J. Taylor
Isaac Teller

Mr. Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant

Mr. Edward Wade
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.

Mr. Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Theodorick R. Westbrook
John Wheeler
Hendrick B. Wright
Richard Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Henry Bennett
Samuel A. Bridges
Davis Carpenter
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Burton Craige
Emerson Etheridge
James Gamble
Galuah A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Andrew J. Harlan

Mr. Wiley P. Harris
Bernhart Henn
Clement S. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles Hughes
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
George W. Kittredge
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindley
John McQueen

Mr. Orenas B. Matteson
Edwin B. Morgan
Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
Andrew Oliver
Alex. C. M. Pennington
John S. Phelps
Peter Rowe
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
John L. Taylor
Mike Walsh
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So it was

Resolved, That the 8th day of February instant be set apart for the consideration of business of a public character reported, or to be reported, by the Committee on the Judiciary; and that Tuesday, the 13th instant, be set apart for the consideration of bills of a public character from the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 131. An act for the relief of the heirs of Joseph Gerard;

H. R. 241. An act for the relief of the administrators of Oliver Lee, deceased—

severally without amendment.

The Senate have also passed bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 564. An act granting bounty land to Susan Palmer.

S. 577. An act authorizing the issue of a register to the Russian-built ship "Aina."

S. 563. An act to promote the efficiency of the navy.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did, on the 31st ult., approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 361. An act for the relief of Frederic Vincent, administrator of James Le Caze, survivor of Le Caze and Mallett; and

S. 555. An act to authorize the issue of a register to the barque Colonist by the name of the Lily.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Hillyer, the rules having been suspended for that purpose, the Committee of the Whole House were discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 256) entitled "An

act for the relief of the West Feliciana Railroad and the Georgia Railroad and Banking Company;" and the House proceeded to its consideration.

Pending the question on its third reading,

Mr. Hillyer moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the bill was ordered to be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time.

Pending the question on its passage,

Mr. Hillyer moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 109
Nays..... 55

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
Thomas H. Bayly
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Thomas H. Benton
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Samuel Caruthers
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Burton Craige
William Culom
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmonds
Thomas D. Elliot
John M. Elliott
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
John R. Franklin
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey

Mr. Andrew J. Harlan
Wiley P. Harris
Solomon G. Haven
Isaac E. Hiester
Junius Hillyer
Thomas M. Howe
Theodore G. Hunt
Colin M. Ingersoll
George W. Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
Zedekiah Kidwell
James Knox
Milton S. Latham
John Letcher
James J. Lindley
James A. McDougall
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
Orsamus B. Matteson
Samuel Mayall
David A. Noble
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Samuel W. Parker
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.

Mr. Sion H. Rogers
Peter Rowe
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Otho R. Singleton
Samuel A. Smith
George W. Smyth
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Andrew Stuart
John L. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne
Daniel Walls, jr.
John Wentworth
Theodore R. Westbrook
Daniel B. Wright
Richard Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Willis Allen
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson

Mr. Davis Carpenter
George W. Chase
Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Leander M. Cox

Mr. Carlton B. Curtis
John L. Dawson
David T. Disney
Andrew Ellison
Reuben E. Fenton

Mr. Thomas T. Flagler
 Thomas J. D. Fuller
 James Gamble
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Galusha A. Grow
 William T. Hamilton
 Aaron Harlan
 George Hastings
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Bernhart Henn
 Harry Hibbard
 George S. Houston
 Daniel T. Jones
 J. Glancy Jones

Mr. William H. Kurtz
 Alfred W. Lamb
 James H. Lane
 Samuel Lilly
 William D. Lindsay
 Caleb Lyon
 John McCulloch
 Moses Macdonald
 John McNair
 Ner Middlewarth
 John S. Millson
 Edwin B. Morgan
 George W. Morrison

Mr. William Murray
 Jesse O. Norton
 Andrew Oliver
 William R. Sapp
 Charles Skelton
 Christian M. Straub
 John J. Taylor
 Michael C. Trout
 William A. Walker
 Mike Walsh
 John Wheeler
 William H. Witte
 Hendrick B. Wright.

So the bill was passed.

Mr. Hillyer moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate with the passage of the said bill.

Mr. Warren, by unanimous consent, presented joint resolutions of the legislature of the State of Arkansas, in favor of the establishment of certain mail-routes in the said State; which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Warren also, by unanimous consent, presented a joint resolution and memorial of the State of Arkansas, in favor of a grant of lands in aid of a railroad from the Missouri line to Helena, on the Mississippi river; and in aid of a railroad along the western border of the State of Arkansas to the State of Texas, in extension of the road from St. Louis to the southwestern part of Missouri; which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Houston moved that the rules be suspended so as to enable him to submit the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That for the remainder of the present session, all debate in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union shall be confined strictly to the motion or proposition under consideration, unless during such evening sessions as a majority of said committee may order, for the exclusive purpose of general debate.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 103
 { Nays..... 73

Two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
 James C. Allen
 Willis Allen
 William Appleton
 Thomas H. Bayly
 William S. Barry
 Nathan Belcher
 Henry Bennett
 Thomas H. Benton
 William W. Boyce
 John C. Breckinridge
 Samuel A. Bridges

Mr. Francis M. Bristow
 James S. Chrisman
 Samuel Clark
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 Moses B. Corwin
 Leander M. Cox
 Burton Craige
 John G. Davis
 John L. Dawson
 David T. Disney
 William Dunbar
 Cyrus L. Dunham

Mr. Ben C. Eastman
 Norman Eddy
 Alfred P. Edgerton
 J. Wiley Edmands
 Thomas D. Eliot
 John M. Elliott
 William H. English
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Thomas B. Florence
 John R. Franklin
 Thomas J. D. Fuller
 James Gamble

Mr. Frederick W. Green
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 Ben Edwards Grey
 William T. Hamilton
 Andrew J. Harlan
 George Hastings
 Solomon G. Haven
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Bernhart Henn
 Harry Hibbard
 George S. Houston
 Colin M. Ingersoll
 Harvey H. Johnson
 George W. Jones
 J. Glancy Jones
 Roland Jones
 John Kerr
 James Knox
 William H. Kurtz
 Alfred W. Lamb
 James H. Lane
 Milton S. Latham
 John Letcher

Mr. William D. Lindsley
 Moses Macdonald
 James A. McDougall
 John McQueen
 Orsamus B. Matteson
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 Smith Miller
 John S. Millson
 George W. Morrison
 David A. Noble
 Jesse O. Norton
 Edson B. Olds
 Andrew Oliver
 Mordecai Oliver
 James L. Orr
 Jared V. Peck
 John Perkins, jr.
 John S. Phelps
 Charles Ready
 William A. Richardson
 George Read Riddle
 Thomas Ritchey

Mr. Peter Rowe
 Origen S. Seymour
 Wilson Shannon
 Henry M. Shaw
 Jacob Shower
 Charles Skelton
 George W. Smyth
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Richard H. Stanton
 Christian M. Straub
 David Stuart
 John J. Taylor
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Michael C. Trout
 Joshua Vansant
 William A. Walker
 Samuel H. Walley
 Mike Walsh
 Edward A. Warren
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 John Wentworth.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. David J. Bailey
 Edward Ball
 William Barksdale
 Samuel P. Benson
 Lewis D. Campbell
 Davis Carpenter
 John S. Caskie
 Elijah W. Chastain
 Thomas L. Clingman
 William Cullom
 Thomas Davis
 Andrew Ellison
 Emerson Etheridge
 E. Wilder Farley
 Reuben E. Fenton
 Thomas T. Flagler
 Joshua R. Giddings
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Galusha A. Grow
 Aaron Harlan
 Wiley P. Harris
 Isaac E. Hiestler
 Clement S. Hill
 Thomas M. Howe
 Theodore G. Hunt

Mr. Daniel T. Jones
 Lawrence M. Keitt
 George W. Kittredge
 Samuel Lilly
 James J. Lindley
 Caleb Lyon
 John McCulloch
 Fayette McMullen
 Henry May
 Samuel Mayall
 Ner Middleswarth
 Edwin B. Morgan
 William Murray
 Samuel W. Parker
 Rufus W. Peckham
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 Benjamin Pringle
 Richard C. Puryear
 David Ritchie
 Sion H. Rogers
 Thomas Ruffin
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage

Mr. William R. Sapp
 James L. Seward
 George A. Simmons
 Otho R. Singleton
 Samuel A. Smith
 William R. Smith
 Augustus R. Sollers
 Hester L. Stevens
 Andrew Stuart
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Andrew Tracy
 William M. Tweed
 Charles W. Upham
 Edward Wade
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 Tappan Wentworth
 John Wheeler
 William H. Witte
 Daniel B. Wright
 Hendrick B. Wright
 Richard Yates
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the House refused to suspend the rules.

On motion of Mr. Etheridge, the rules having been suspended for that purpose, the Committee of the Whole House were discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution of the House (No. 54) for the relief of Joel Henry Dyer, and the House proceeded to its consideration.

The question being on its engrossment,

Mr. Etheridge moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Mr. Etheridge moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and

also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table ; which latter motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said joint resolution.

On motion of Mr. Shaw, the rules having been suspended for that purpose, the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union were discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 67) to amend "An act making appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors and rivers," approved August 30, 1852 ; and the House proceeded to the consideration of the same—the pending question being on the amendment reported from the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Shaw moved the previous question ; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said amendment was disagreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on its passage,

Mr. Shaw moved the previous question ; which was seconded and the main question ordered and put, viz : Shall the bill pass ?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

So the bill was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Shaw moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table ; which latter motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Wells, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (No. 550) entitled "An act changing the appropriation for the erection of a building in the city of Milwaukee for a custom-house, post-office, and the United States courts," was taken from the Speaker's table and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Wells moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table ; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Witte moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to submit the following preamble and resolutions, viz :

Whereas discussions have been indulged in this House in Committee of the Whole, which, with other circumstances, lead to the conviction that there exists in this country an extensive, secret, oath-bound political association, which seems intended to interfere with the purity of elections and the legislation of the country, such an association as excited the fears and induced the solemn warnings of Washington in his farewell address ; therefore—

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the existence of secret, oath-bound political associations, having in view an interference with the sanctity of the ballot-box, and the direction of the course of national or municipal legislation, is inconsistent with and dangerous to

the institutions of republicanism, and directly hostile to the genius of this government.

Resolved, That every attempt to proscribe any class of citizens on account of their religious opinions, or to favor or injure any religious denomination by national legislation, is a direct violation of the spirit of the constitution of the United States.

Resolved, That while a careful and strict administration of the naturalization laws is a solemn duty, yet every interference with the guaranteed rights of naturalized citizens is inconsistent with the plighted faith of the nation, and must diminish its growth and prosperity.

Pending the question on the suspension of the rules,

Mr. John Wentworth moved a call of the House; which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. George W. Jones moved, at 1 o'clock and 55 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put on the motion to suspend the rules,

And it was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 104
Nays..... 78

Two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
David J. Bailey
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Thomas H. Benton
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bocoek
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
John S. Caskie
Joseph R. Chandler
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Burton Craige
Carlton B. Curtis
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
J. Wiley Edmands
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Elliot
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
Joshua R. Giddings
Frederick W. Green

Mr. Alfred B. Greenwood
William T. Hamilton
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Junius Hillyer
Colin M. Ingersoll
Harvey H. Johnson
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
Zedekiah Kidwell
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
John Letcher
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindsley
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
Fayette McMullen
John McNair
John McQueen
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Smith Miller
George W. Morrison
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Edson B. Olds
James L. Orr
John Perkins, jr.

Mr. John S. Phelps
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
Origen S. Seymour
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Otho R. Singleton
Samuel A. Smith
George W. Smyth
Richard H. Stanton
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
John J. Taylor
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Mike Walsh
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken
Thomas H. Bayly
Edward Ball

Mr. Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson

Mr. Robert M. Bugg
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers

Mr. George W. Chase
 Thomas L. Clingman
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 John P. Cook
 Moses B. Corwin
 David T. Disney
 Cyrus L. Dunham
 Ben C. Eastman
 Alfred P. Edgerton
 Emerson Etheridge
 William Everhart
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Reuben E. Fenton
 Thomas T. Flagler
 John R. Franklin
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Ben Edwards Grey
 Galusha A. Grow
 Aaron Harlan
 Andrew J. Harlan
 Solomon G. Haven
 George S. Houston
 Thomas M. Howe

Mr. Theodore G. Hunt
 Daniel T. Jones
 John Kerr
 James Knox
 Milton S. Latham
 James J. Lindley
 Caleb Lyon
 John McCulloch
 Daniel Mace
 Orsamus B. Matteson
 Samuel Mayall
 Ner Middleswarth
 John S. Millson
 Edwin B. Morgan
 William Murray
 Andrew Oliver
 Mordecai Oliver
 Samuel W. Parker
 Rufus W. Peckham
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 Philip Phillips
 James T. Pratt
 Benjamin Pringle

Mr. Richard C. Puryear
 Charles Ready
 David A. Reese
 David Ritchie
 Thomas Ritchey
 Sion H. Rogers
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 William R. Sapp
 James L. Seward
 Wilson Shannon
 Charles Skelton
 Augustus R. Sollers
 Frederick P. Stanton
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Andrew Tracy
 Edward Wade
 John Wheeler
 Richard Yates
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the House refused to suspend the rules.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary; which was handed in at the Speaker's table.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 131. An act for the relief of the heirs of Joseph Gerard.

H. R. 241. An act for the relief of the administrator of Oliver Lee, deceased.

S. 244. An act for the relief of E. J. McLane.

S. 254. An act for the relief of Catharine B. Arnold.

S. 256. An act for the relief of the West Feliciana Railroad and the Georgia Railroad and Banking Companies.

S. 447. An act to increase the pension of Patrick C. Ames.

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Letcher having called up, as a question of privilege, the report submitted by him on the 15th ult., from the select committee on Colt's patent and other bills, on the subject of the refusal of Mr. William B. Chace to appear and testify further before the said committee,

After debate,

Mr. Letcher submitted the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House be directed to revoke the privilege under which W. B. Chace holds a reporter's desk on the floor; and that said W. B. Chace be excluded from the hall.

Resolved, That the Speaker do issue his warrant, directed to the Sergeant-at-arms attending this House, commanding him to take into custody, wherever to be found, the body of W. B. Chace, and the same in his custody to keep, subject to the further order and direction of this House.

After debate,

Mr. Olds, having called for a division of the question, moved the pre-

vious question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the first resolution was agreed to.

Pending the question on agreeing to the second resolution,

On motion of Mr. Roland Jones,

Ordered, That the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Peckham moved that the vote by which the first resolution was agreed to be reconsidered.

After debate, and pending the question thereon,

Mr. Peckham moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. Clingman moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

And the question being put on the latter motion, no quorum voted.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Barksdale, at 4 o'clock and 37 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1855.

The following petitions and other papers were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Singleton: The petition of citizens of the city of Jackson, in the State of Mississippi, for an appropriation to complete and furnish certain rooms in said city for the use and accommodation of the United States courts and its officers; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, the petition of Wright Ford, an invalid of the war of 1812, for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Hunt: Letter of the Secretary of War, communicating the answer of General Totten to the inquiries submitted by the House of Representatives in relation to the defences at Proctor's Landing; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Ruffin: The petition of citizens of the State of North Carolina, for a mail-route from Goldsboro', in Wayne county, to Jericho, in said county; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Ball: The petition of Joseph Kirk, the son of John Kirk, who served in the war of the Revolution, for compensation for services during said war; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Joseph Lane: The petition of citizens of Umpqua county, Oregon Territory, on behalf of Dick Johnson, (an Indian,) asking Congress to donate to him and his wife 320 acres of land, covering certain improvements he has made on land now occupied by him, and of which he is sought to be dispossessed by certain white men; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Wells: The petition of citizens of the State of Wisconsin, against the extension of McCormick's, Hussey's, or Moore and Hascall's patents for reaping machines; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Thomas H. Bayly: The petition of Mrs. A. D. Reeves,

widow of Captain J. S. K. Reeves, of the first regiment of artillery, United States army, for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Aaron Harlan: The petition of William W. Martin, of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, to change the name of the steamboat Fanny Fern to that of Thomas H. Stewart; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Andrew Stuart: Two memoranda for mail-routes from New Lisbon to Columbiana, in Columbiana county, and from Steubenville, via Hartford's Mills, to Bowling Green, Jefferson county, in the State of Ohio; which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Bridges: The petition of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, against the extension of Adams's patent for power printing presses; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 30. An act for the relief of Thomas Marston Taylor.

S. 435. An act making appropriations for the construction of certain military roads in the Territories of Nebraska and Washington.

S. 529. An act to incorporate St. Joseph's Male Orphan Asylum, in the District of Columbia.

H. R. 662. An act to change the names of the American-built vessels "J. H. Holmes" and "Franklin Pierce."

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the following message received yesterday from the President of the United States, viz:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate to Congress the accompanying papers from the Secretary of the Interior, and recommend that the appropriations therein asked for may be made.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, February 4, 1855.

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and printed.

The Speaker also, by unanimous consent, laid before the House Executive communications as follows, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury transmitting an additional estimate, and accompanying papers, for the purchase of oil for light-houses for the next fiscal year; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury transmitting the results of experiments made to test the strength of wrought-iron beams and girders, with sketches of various kinds used, and recommending an appropriation of \$3,500 to meet the expense of a complete series of experiments; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

III. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury transmitting a list

of clerks and other persons employed in the Treasury Department during the year 1854; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

The Speaker having announced as the business first in order, the motion submitted by Mr. Clingman, and pending when the House adjourned yesterday, to lay upon the table the motion to reconsider the vote by which the following resolution was agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House be directed to revoke the privilege under which W. B. Chace holds a reporter's desk on the floor; and that said W. B. Chace be excluded from the hall;

The question was put, Will the House agree thereto?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

So the motion to reconsider the vote by which the said resolution was agreed to was laid on the table.

The House then resumed, as the regular order of business, the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 353) to remodel the diplomatic and consular systems of the United States, the pending question being on the amendments reported thereto from the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

After debate, and pending the said question,

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary, notifying the House that he did this day approve and sign a bill of the following title, viz:

H. R. 662. An act to change the names of the American-built vessels "J. H. Holmes" and "Franklin Pierce."

And then,

On motion of Mr. Breckinridge, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hendricks reported that the Committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the Senate (No. 96) entitled "An act to provide for the payment of such creditors of the late republic of Texas as are comprehended in the act of Congress of September 9, 1850," had come to no resolution thereon.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill of this House of the following title, viz:

H. R. 9. An act for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands—
with an amendment, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have also passed bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 585. An act to change the boundary of the Champagnole land district, in the State of Arkansas;

S. 587. An act to continue temporarily the offices of register and receiver at Vincennes;
in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have agreed to the amendments of this House to the bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

S. 142. An act for the relief of Don Juan Domercq, a Spanish subject; and

S. 346. An act for the relief of the heirs-at-law of William Van Wart, deceased.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did, on the 3d instant, approve and sign resolutions of the following titles, viz:

S. Res. 30. A resolution relative to the construction of the laws for the allowance of additional compensation to the clerks in the Census Bureau.

S. Res. 33. A resolution respecting the Arctic expedition commanded by Passed Assistant Surgeon E. K. Kane.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Benton, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That an amendment in the nature of a substitute for so much of the amendment of the Senate to the bill of the House No. 562 (army appropriations) as proposes an increase of the army, which he proposes at the proper time to submit, be printed.

Mr. May, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 732. A bill to amend the act entitled "An act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports," approved March 3, 1833;

H. R. 733. A bill to amend the act entitled "An act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States," approved 30th April, 1790 ;

H. Res. 55. Joint resolution for the purchase of one hundred and eighty copies of Alden's Index to the Decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, for the use of the government of the United States and its judges, and other officers ;

which bills and resolution were severally read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. May, by unanimous consent, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 588) to provide for the accommodation of the courts of the United States in the district of Maryland, and for a post office at Baltimore city, Maryland, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

Mr. Breckenridge moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pending which,

Mr. Eastman moved, at 4 o'clock and 30 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn.

And the question being put on the latter motion,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 62
Nays 78

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen

Mr. David J. Bailey
Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson

Mr. Thomas H. Benton
William W. Boyce
Davis Carpenter
George W. Chase

Mr. James S. Chrisman
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
David T. Disney
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
William Everhart
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas J. D. Fuller
Joshua R. Giddings
William O. Goode
Henry C. Goodwin
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Solomon G. Haven
Bernhart Henn

Mr. Isaac E. Hester
Thomas M. Howe
Daniel T. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Zedekiah Kidwell
James Knox
John Letcher
Samuel Lilly
John McCallech
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
Samuel Mayall
Ner Middlesewarth
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
William Murray
Jesse O. Norton

Mr. Alex. C. M. Pennington
Benjamin Pringle
David Ritchie
Thomas Ruffin
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
Henry M. Shaw
George A. Simmons
Charles Skelton
Andrew Stuart
Andrew Tracy
William M. Tweed
Edward Wade
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
John Wheeler.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Appleton
Thomas H. Bayly
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Peter H. Bell
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bocock
John C. Breckinridge
Francis M. Bristow
Lewis D. Campbell
John S. Caskie
Joseph R. Chandler
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Leander M. Cox
Thomas W. Cumming
Francis B. Cutting
John L. Dawson
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
J. Wiley Edmands
Thomas D. Eliot
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
E. Wilder Farley

Mr. Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas B. Florence
John R. Franklin
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Andrew J. Harlan
Thomas A. Hendricks
George S. Houston
Theodore G. Hunt
Harvey H. Johnson
George W. Jones
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
William H. Kurtz
Charles S. Lewis
William D. Lindaley
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
Henry May
Smith Miller
Matthias H. Nichols
Edson B. Olds
James L. Orr
Rufus W. Peckham

Mr. John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
William Preston
William A. Richardson
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
William R. Sapp
Origen S. Seymour
Jacob Shower
Samuel A. Smith
George W. Smyth
Augustus R. Sowers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hester L. Stevens
David Stuart
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Charles W. Upham
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodoric R. Westbrook.

So the House refused to adjourn.

The question then recurring on the motion of Mr. Breckenridge, the yeas and nays were ordered thereon.

When,

Mr. Tweed moved, at 4 o'clock and 50 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

On motion of Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That there be a call of the House.

The roll having been called, the following named members failed to answer to their names, viz :

James Abercrombie, William S. Ashe, David J. Bailey, Edward Ball, William Barksdale, William S. Barry, Thomas H. Benton, William H. Bissell, William W. Boyce, Samuel A. Bridges, Preston S. Brooks, Robert M. Bugg, Samuel Caruthers, Ebenezer M. Chamberlain, Elijah W. Chastain, William M. Churchwell, Alfred H. Colquitt,

John P. Cook, Moses B. Corwin, Burton Craige, William Cullom, Carlton B. Curtis, William B. W. Dent, Alexander De Witt, John Dick, Edward Dickinson, James F. Dowdell, Augustus Drum, Henry A. Edmundson, Emerson Etheridge, James Gamble, John Z. Goodrich, Galusha A. Grow, Sampson W. Harris, Wiley P. Harris, John Scott Harrison, Harry Hibbard, Clement S. Hill, Junius Hillyer, Charles Hughes, Colin M. Ingersoll, James Knox, Alfred W. Lamb, James H. Lane, Milton S. Latham, James J. Lindley, Caleb Lyon, John McNair, Daniel Mace, John B. Macy, James Maurice, Augustus E. Maxwell, James Meacham, John G. Miller, Andrew Oliver, Mordecai Oliver, Samuel W. Parker, Jared V. Peck, Philip Phillips, Paulus Powell, James T. Pratt, Richard C. Puryear, Charles Ready, David A. Reese, George Read Riddle, Thomas Ritchey, Sion H. Rogers, Samuel L. Russell, James L. Seward, Wilson Shannon, Otho R. Singleton, Charles Skelton, William Smith, William R. Smith, Alexander H. Stephens, Nathan T. Stratton, Christian M. Straub, Nathaniel G. Taylor, Michael C. Trout, George Vail, Joshua Vansant, Hiram Walbridge, Edward A. Warren, William H. Witte, Daniel B. Wright, Hendrick B. Wright, Richard Yates, Felix K. Zollicoffer.

On motion of Mr. Orr, all further proceedings in the call were dispensed with.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Sage, at 5 o'clock and 12 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1855.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Fuller: The memorial of Henry Darling, and others, owners and fishermen of the State of Maine, for a change in the law granting protection and encouragement to American seamen; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Henn: The petition of William Rees, for the reservation from sale of a quantity of the public lands, for a limited time, for the purposes of a Normal settlement; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Henn: The resolutions of the legislature of the State of Iowa, for the construction of bridges and dams across the Cedar and Wabsepinecon rivers, and bridges across the Iowa river; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. John Wentworth: The remonstrance of the citizens of Du Page county, in the State of Illinois, against the renewal of the patents of Messrs. Moore and Hascall, Obed Hussey, and Cyrus H. McCormick; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Macdonald: The petition of David Towle, praying for the allowance of arrears of pension;

Also, the petition of Darling H. Warren, praying for the allowance of arrears of pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Macdonald: The petition of William Marr, for himself and other heirs of James Marr, for the allowance of eighty dollars and interest, to which the said James Marr was entitled as a corporal in the Massachusetts line during the revolutionary war, under the resolutions of May 15, 1778;

Also, the petition of Ivory Fall, heir-at-law of George Fall, for the allowance of eighty dollars and interest, to which the said George Fall was entitled as a sergeant in the New Hampshire continental line during the revolutionary war, under the resolutions of May 15, 1778;

Also, the petition of Isam Leonard, for himself and other heirs-at-law of Jacob Leonard, for the allowance of commutation of five years' full pay for services in the Massachusetts continental line during the revolutionary war;

Also, the petition of Sally Wells, daughter of Neal McGaffey, deceased, for the allowance of commutation of five years' full pay for services in the New Hampshire continental line during the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Eastman: The remonstrance of citizens of Green county, in the State of Wisconsin, against the renewal of the patent of Cyrus H. McCormick; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Henn: The memorial of the legislature of the State of Iowa, for a mail-route from Fort Des Moines, via Winterset, in Madison county, Quincy, in Adams county, Clorinda, in Page county, Sidney, in Fremont county, to Nebraska City, in Nebraska Territory; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Shower: The petition of citizens of Baltimore county, in the State of Maryland, for increased mail facilities on route No. 9,933, from Whitehall to Gorsuch's mills.

By Mr. Clark: The petition of C. C. Ellsworth, for a mail-route from Greenville to Muskegon rapids, in the State of Michigan;

Also, the petition of citizens of the counties of Calhoun and Eaton, in the State of Michigan, for the establishment of a mail-route from Albion via Sheridan and Clarence, in the county of Calhoun, and Brookfield and Carmel, to Charlotte, in the county of Eaton.

By Mr. Smith Miller: The petition of citizens of Daviess and Pike counties, in the State of Indiana, for the establishment of a mail-route from Washington, in Daviess county, via Hudsonville and the Highbanks on the East Fork of White river, to Pierceville, in Pike county.

By Mr. Henn: The petition of citizens of the State of Iowa, for the establishment of a mail-route from Cedar Falls, via White Mills, Hardin City, Fort Dodge, Austin Settlement, Smith's Settlement, to Sergeant Bluff City.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Singleton: The petition of John Crawford, praying to be allowed to locate a certificate for forfeited land stock on public land lying beyond the territory for which the certificate was granted; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Matteson: The petition of Thomas Thomas, of Oneida

county, in the State of New York, asking that Congress will allow him a pension for a period that he has failed to receive the same from the British government, on account of wounds received in an engagement between the English and French, while he was an American citizen; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the following message, heretofore received from the President of the United States, viz :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

I communicate to Congress, herewith, for its consideration, the accompanying papers from the Secretary of the Interior, on the subject of the proviso of the act of July 31, 1854, in relation to the removal of the California Indians.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, February 4, 1855.

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying papers be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and printed.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the memorials of the legislative assembly of New Mexico, relative to the indemnity of citizens of the Territory for property carried off by Indians; relative to the loan of 1,000 stand of arms for the use of the citizens of that Territory for protection against the Indians; relative to an appropriation to pay militia for services in suppressing Indian hostilities; and relative to protection from Indian depredations; which were severally referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs;

Also, relative to provision by Congress for the support of schools in said Territory; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The Speaker also, by unanimous consent, laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a transcript of the official Army Register for the year ending June 30, 1854; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

The Speaker also, by unanimous consent, laid before the House letters from the Commissioner of Patents, transmitting the Agricultural and Mechanical portions of his annual report; which were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Haven,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing to inquire into the expediency of printing 10,000 copies extra of the said portions of the Patent Office report.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, bills of the following titles, viz :

S. 346. An act for the relief of the heirs-at-law of William Van Wart, deceased.

S. 550. An act changing the appropriation for the erection of a building in the city of Milwaukie for a custom-house, post-office, and the United States courts.

S. 142. An act for the relief of Don B. Juan Domercq, a Spanish subject.

S. 67. An act to amend an act making appropriation for the improvement of certain harbors and rivers, approved August 30, 1852.

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

Mr. McDougall, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 635) providing for an express mail overland from St. Louis to San Francisco, reported the same with an amendment in the nature of a substitute therefor.

Ordered, That the said bill and pending amendment be re-referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and printed.

On motion of Mr. Craige, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (No. 535) entitled "An act to authorize the enlargement of the General Post Office building," was taken from the Speaker's table, read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

The House then resumed the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 353) to remodel the diplomatic and consular systems of the United States, the pending question being on the amendments reported thereto from the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

After debate, and pending the said question,

On motion of Mr. Breckenridge, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hendricks reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the Senate (No. 96) entitled "An act to provide for the payment of such creditors of the late republic of Texas as are comprehended in the act of Congress of September 9, 1850," had directed him to report the same with a recommendation that the enacting clause be stricken out.

Pending the question on agreeing to the said report,

Mr. Breckenridge moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said report was disagreed to.

The Speaker then stated the question to be first on the amendments reported from the Committee of Ways and Means; and then on the amendment (in the nature of a substitute) heretofore submitted by Mr. George W. Smyth.

Pending which,

Mr. Breckenridge submitted an amendment (in the nature of a substitute) to the amendment of Mr. Smyth.

Pending which,

Mr. George W. Jones moved to amend the 1st section of the original bill by striking out of the 26th and 27th lines the words, "eight million five hundred thousand dollars," and inserting the words, "*six million five hundred and fifty thousand dollars*," in lieu thereof.

Pending which,

Mr. Breckinridge moved the previous question ; which was seconded and the main question ordered to put.

The question was first put, Will the House agree to the amendment submitted by Mr. George W. Jones ?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 120
Nays..... 82

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas H. Benton
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
Preston S. Brooks
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
John S. Caskie
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Elijah W. Chaastain
James S. Chrisman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Burton Craige
William Cullom
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
David T. Disney
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
Henry A. Edmundson
Andrew Ellison
E. Wilder Farley
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas J. D. Fuller
Joshua R. Giddings
William O. Goode
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan

Mr. Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
Junius Hillyer
George S. Houston
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Colin M. Inversoll
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
George W. Kittredge
James Knox
James H. Lane
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
James Maurice
Henry May
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
George W. Morrison
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver
Asa Packer

Mr. Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Bishop Perkins
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell
James T. Pratt
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
Origen S. Seymour
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Otho R. Singleton
Charles Skelton
Nathan T. Stratton
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Andrew Tracy
William M. Tweed
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
Mike Walsh
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler.
Daniel B. Wright
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Appleton
Peter H. Bell
George Bliss
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Joseph B. Chandler
George W. Chase
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman

Mr. John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
Thomas W. Cumming
John L. Dawson
John Dick
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
J. Wiley Edmands
Thomas D. Eliot
William H. English

Mr. Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas B. Florence
John R. Franklin
James Gamble
John Z. Goodrich
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Andrew J. Harlan
Thomas A. Hendricks

Mr. Clement S. Hill
Theodore G. Hunt
Harvey H. Johnson
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
Milton S. Latham
William D. Lindale
James A. McDougall
John McNair
Daniel Mace
Orasmus B. Matteson
Augustus E. Maxwell
Samuel Mayall
Smith Miller
Edson B. Olds
James L. Orr

Mr. Rufus W. Peckham
William Preston
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
George Read Riddle
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
Wilson Shannon
Samuel A. Smith
William Smith
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
Augustus R. Sollers

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
David Stuart
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
Charles W. Upham
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
John Wentworth
Theodore R. Westbrook
William H. Witte
Hendrick B. Wright

So the said amendment was agreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the several amendments reported from the Committee of Ways and Means were then read and agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the bill was further amended by striking out the words "eight million five hundred," in the 5th section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "*six million five hundred and fifty*;" and by striking out of the amendment to the 6th section the words "prior to the admission of said State into the Union," and inserting the words "*or otherwise*" in lieu thereof.

The question then recurring on the amendment of Mr. Breckinridge to the amendment of Mr. George W. Smyth,

Mr. Breckinridge, by unanimous consent, withdrew the same.

The question then recurred on the amendment submitted by Mr. George W. Smyth, which was read as follows, viz:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

"That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and required, at any time after the first day of May next, to issue to the State of Texas such portion of the stock mentioned in the proviso to the fifth article of the first section of the act entitled 'An act proposing to the State of Texas the establishment of her northern and western boundaries, the relinquishment by the State of all territory claimed by her exterior to said boundaries, and of all her claims upon the United States, and the establishment of a territorial government for New Mexico,' approved September nine, eighteen hundred and fifty, as shall be equivalent in amount to the releases of the claims against the United States which shall be then filed at the treasury, as in said article is provided; and in like manner, from month to month, to issue said stock equivalent to such like releases as may be thereafter filed, until the whole of the stock reserved by said article shall be exhausted. The sums of said stock issued to the State of Texas under the provisions of this section in all cases to be equivalent in amount to the sums paid by the State in stock or money in the discharge of the debts or liabilities for which releases are filed.

"Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the President of the United States, through the Secretary of the Treasury, notify the governor of the State of Texas of the passage of this act."

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 29
Nays..... 161

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William S. Ashe
Peter H. Bell
Robert M. Bugg
Burton Craige
David T. Disney
Cyrus L. Dunham
William O. Goode
Alfred B. Greenwood
William T. Hamilton
Solomon G. Haven

Mr. George S. Houston
Roland Jones
James Knox
John Letcher
John McCulloch
James A. McDougall
John S. Millson
Bishop Perkins
John S. Phelps
William A. Richardson

Mr. Russell Sage
William Smith
George W. Smyth
Augustus E. Sollers
Hector L. Stevens
Isaac Teller
Mike Walsh
John Wheeler
Daniel B. Wright

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
Thomas H. Bayly
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas H. Benton
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
John S. Caskie
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Thomas W. Cumming
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
John Dick
William Dumbear
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmonds
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Eliot
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English

Mr. Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Charles J. Faulkner
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
John E. Franklin
James Gamble
Joshua R. Giddings
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Galusha A. Grow
Aaron Harlan
Andrew J. Harlan
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindale
Moses Macdonald
Fayette McMullen
John McNair
John McQueen
Daniel Mace
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Henry May
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middlewarth

Mr. Smith Miller
Edwin B. Morgan
George W. Morrison
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Otho R. Singleton
Charles Skelton
William R. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Nathan T. Stratton
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham

Mr. Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Elliuh B. Washburne

Mr. Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodoric R. Westbrook

Mr. William H. Witte
Hendrick B. Wright
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the said amendment was disagreed to.

On motion of Mr. Pringle, the vote by which the House agreed to the amendment reported from the Committee of Ways and Means inserting after the word "States," in the 5th line of the 3d section, (printed bill,) "*and the State of Texas,*" was reconsidered.

And the question being again put, Will the House agree to the said amendment?

It was decided in the negative.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on its passage,

Mr. George W. Jones moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 153
 { Nays..... 43

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
Thomas H. Bayly
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas H. Benton
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Preston S. Brooks
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Thomas W. Cumming
Carlton B. Curtis
John G. Davis

Mr. Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
John Dick
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
J. Wiley Edmonds
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Eliot
Andrew Ellison
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Charles J. Faulkner
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Flagler
John R. Franklin
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
William O. Goode
John Z. Goodrich
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Galusha A. Grow
Aaron Harlan
Andrew J. Harlan
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Junius Hillyer
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes

Mr. Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz
Milton S. Latham
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
Fayette McMullen
John McNair
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
Smith Miller
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker
John Perkins, jr.
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready

Mr. David A. Reese
 William A. Richardson
 George Read Riddle
 David Ritchie
 Thomas Ritchey
 John Robbins, jr.
 Peter Rowe
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 James L. Seward
 Origen S. Seymour
 Wilson Shannon
 Henry M. Shaw
 George A. Simmons

Mr. Otho R. Singleton
 Charles Skelton
 William Smith
 William R. Smith
 Richard H. Stanton
 Nathan T. Stratton
 Christian M. Straub
 David Stuart
 John J. Taylor
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Michael C. Trout
 William M. Tweed

Mr. Charles W. Upham
 Joshua Vansant
 William A. Walker
 Samuel H. Walley
 Edward A. Warren
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 Daniels Wells, jr.
 John Wentworth
 Tappan Wentworth
 Theodoric R. Westbrook
 John Wheeler
 William H. Witte
 Daniel B. Wright
 Hendrick B. Wright
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William S. Ashe
 Nathan Belcher
 Peter H. Bell
 Henry Bennett
 Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
 Burton Craige
 David T. Disney
 Alfred P. Edgerton
 William H. English
 Thomas B. Florence
 Joshua R. Giddings
 Henry C. Goodwin
 William T. Hamilton
 Solomon G. Haven
 Thomas A. Hendricks

Mr. Bernhart Henn
 Theodore G. Hunt
 James Knox
 Alfred W. Lamb
 John Letcher
 Charles S. Lewis
 William D. Linsdaley
 John McQueen
 Daniel Mace
 Orsamus B. Matteson
 James Maurice
 John S. Millson
 Edwin B. Morgan
 George W. Morrison

• Mr. Andrew Oliver
 Jared V. Peck
 Rufus W. Peckham
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 Bishop Perkins
 John S. Phelps
 Paulus Powell
 Thomas Ruffin
 William R. Sapp
 Jacob Shower
 George W. Smyth
 Hester L. Stevens
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Richard Yates

So the bill was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendments.

Mr. Breckinridge moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 411. An act for the relief of the heirs of Larkin Smith;

H. R. 459. An act for the relief of John Steene;

H. R. 651. An act for the relief of Samuel A. Belden and Company; the first with an amendment, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House, and the two last without amendment.

The Senate have also passed bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 68. An act to remove obstructions to navigation in the mouth of the Mississippi river at the Southwest Pass and Pass à l'Outre;

S. 453. An act for the relief of Brevet Brigadier General John B. Walbach, of the United States army;

S. 511. An act in addition to certain acts granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States; and

S. 590. An act for the relief of Franklin Chase;
 in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did, on the 6th instant, approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 435. An act making appropriation for the construction of certain military roads in the Territories of Nebraska and Washington.

S. 30. An act for the relief of Thomas Marston Taylor.

S. 529. An act to incorporate St. Joseph's Male Orphan Asylum, in the District of Columbia.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Houston moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 104
Nays..... 97

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
Thomas H. Bayly
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barkadale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Thomas H. Benton
George Bliss
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Preston S. Brooks
John S. Caskie
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Elijah W. Chastain
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Burton Craig
Thomas W. Cumming
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
David T. Disney
Cyrus L. Dunham
Nerman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmunds
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Eliot
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison

Mr. Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas J. D. Fuller
William O. Goode
John Z. Goodrich
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Andrew J. Harlan
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keltt
John Kerr
George W. Kittredge
Alfred W. Lamb
Milton S. Latham
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
James Maurice
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
John S. Millson
George W. Morrison
William Murray

Mr. Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Edson B. Olds
Andrew Oliver
James L. Orr
Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham
Bishop Perkins
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
William A. Richardson
Thomas Ritchey
Thomas Ruffin
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
Otho R. Singleton
William Smith
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
Richard H. Stanton
Hester L. Stevens
Andrew Stuart
Charles W. Upham
Hiram Walbridge
Samuel H. Walley
Mike Walsh
Edward A. Warren
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
John Wheeler
Daniel B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Edward Ball
P. H. Bell
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow

Mr. Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase

Mr. John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis

Mr. Thomas Davis	Mr. John McCulloch	Mr. William R. Sapp
John L. Dawson	Moses Macdonald	James L. Seward
John Dick	James A. McDougall	Origen S. Seymour
William Dunbar	John McNair	George A. Simmons
Ben C. Eastman	Daniel Mace	Charles Skelton
Emerson Etheridge	Orsamus B. Matteson	Nathan T. Stratton
William Everhart	Samuel Mayall	Christian M. Straub
E. Wilder Farley	James Meacham	John J. Taylor
Reuben E. Fenton	Ner Middleswarth	John L. Taylor
Thomas T. Flagler	Smith Miller	Nathaniel G. Taylor
Thomas B. Florence	Edwin B. Morgan	Isaac Teller
John R. Franklin	Jesse O. Norton	Benjamin B. Thurston
James Gamble	Mordecai Oliver	Andrew Tracy
Henry C. Goodwin	Asa Packer	Michael C. Trout
Aaron Harlan	Samuel W. Parker	William M. Tweed
Solomon G. Haven	Alex. C. M. Peanington	George Vail
Isaac E. Hiester	William Preston	Joshua Vansant
Clement S. Hill	Benjamin Pringle	Edward Wade
Thomas M. Howe	Richard C. Puryear	William A. Walker
Charles Hughes	David A. Reese	Ellihu B. Washburne
Theodore G. Hunt	David Ritchie	Israel Washburn, jr.
Colin M. Ingersoll	John Robbins, jr.	Theodorie R. Westbrook
J. Glancy Jones	Peter Rowe	William H. Witte
James Knox	Samuel L. Russell	Hendrick B. Wright
William H. Kurtz	Alvah Sabin	Richard Yates
Samuel Lilly	Russell Sage	Felix K. Zolliecoffer.
William D. Lindaley		

So the motion was agreed to.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edgerton reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 569) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

Two messages in writing were received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary; which were handed in at the Speaker's table.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Peckham, at 3 o'clock and 6 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1855.

The following petitions and other papers were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Phelps: The petition of citizens of Benton county, in the State of Missouri, for the establishment of a mail-route from Warsaw to Linn Creek; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Meacham: The petition of F. F. Merrill, and other citizens of Montpelier, in Washington county, in the State of Vermont, that Congress take such action as will secure the settlement of all difficulties between nations by arbitration; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Walbridge: The petition of Katharine Kirby Russell, for a

pension, on account of the services of her husband, as surgeon in the army of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Cobb: The petition of Williamson R. W. Cobb, of Alabama, for a grant of land, to aid in the construction of railroads; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Florence: The petition of Captain Samuel McManemy, late military storekeeper at the United States arsenal at Philadelphia, praying for the allowance of the balance of salary due him; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Curtis: The remonstrance of citizens of Warren county, in the State of Pennsylvania, against the extension of the Woodworth patent.

By Mr. Sage: The remonstrance of citizens of Rensselaer county, in the State of New York, against the extension of the patents of H. Moore and J. Hascall, Obed Hussey, and Cyrus H. McCormick.

Ordered, That the said remonstrances be referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Henn: The petition of Tacey Conger, widow of Zachariah S. Conger, for five years' half-pay, on account of the services of her husband during the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the following messages, received yesterday from the President of the United States, viz:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate to Congress herewith a letter, and accompanying papers, from the Secretary of the Interior, of the 5th instant, on the subject of the colonization of the Indians in the State of California, and recommend that the appropriation therein asked for may be made.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, February 7, 1855.

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents be laid on the table and printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate to Congress the accompanying letter from the Secretary of the Interior, with its enclosure, on the subject of a treaty between the United States and the Chippewa Indians of Lake Superior, and recommend that the appropriation therein asked for may be made.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, February 7, 1855.

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents be laid on the table, and printed.

This being the day set apart for the consideration of bills of a public character reported, and to be reported, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

The Speaker proceeded to call the said committee for reports; when

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, from the said committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 734. A bill to prevent malicious trespasses upon property within the District of Columbia ;

H. R. 735. A bill providing compensation to owners of property, in the city of Washington, injured by alterations of streets by authority of the United States ;

which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 736. A bill changing the times of holding the United States courts in Tennessee ; and

H. R. 737. A bill to authorize the printing of the opinions of the Attorney General ;

which bills were severally read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bills be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, they were accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton moved that the vote by which the last-named bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table ; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 592) to provide for holding the United States courts in the northern and southern districts of Florida, in case of the sickness or disability of either of the judges of those districts, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 738. A bill providing for a revision of the laws of the United States ; and

H. R. 739. A bill to establish a circuit court of the United States in and for the State of California ;

which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Parker, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 337) to regulate the salaries of the district judges of the United States, reported the same without amendment.

Pending the question on its engrossment,

Mr. Parker moved the previous question ; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on its passage,

Mr. Parker moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 107
Nays..... 50

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
Thomas H. Bayly
Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bocock
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Samuel Caruthers
John S. Caskie
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Thomas W. Cumming
Thomas Davis
David T. Disney
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmonds
Thomas D. Eliot
Emerson Etheridge
E. Wilder Farley
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas B. Florence
John R. Franklin
Thomas J. D. Fuller

Mr. William O. Goode
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Andrew J. Harlan
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hibbard
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Colin M. Ingersoll
Harvey H. Johnson
John Kerr
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
William D. Lindaley
Moses Macdonald
Daniel Mace
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Ner Middleswarth
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
Rufus W. Peckham
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
David A. Reese

Mr. George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Sion H. Rogers
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Jacob Shower
William Smith
William R. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Nathan T. Stratton
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodore B. Westbrock
Hendrick B. Wright
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William S. Ashe
Edward Ball
Henry Bennett
Davis Carpenter
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Leander M. Cox
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
Cyrus L. Dunham
Thomas T. Flagler
James Gamble
Joshua R. Giddings
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Wiley P. Harris

Mr. Bernhart Henn
George S. Houston
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
Roland Jones
George W. Kittredge
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
Samuel Lilly
John McCulloch
John McQueen
Samuel Mayall
Smith Miller
Edwin B. Morgan
George W. Morrison
William Murray

Mr. Matthias H. Nichols
Edson B. Olds
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
Bishop Perkins
Benjamin Pringle
Thomas Ruffin
William R. Sapp
Henry M. Shaw
George A. Simmons
Charles Skelton
John J. Taylor
Andrew Tracy
Michael C. Trout
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.

So the bill was passed.

Mr. Parker moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed, without amendment, a bill of the House of the following title, viz:

H. R. 117. An act to provide for the ascertainment and satisfaction of claims of American citizens for spoliations committed by the French prior to the 31st of July, 1801.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Parker, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the memorial of Maria Morell, widow of George Morell, and the memorial of Henry Chipman and William Woodbridge, made a report thereon, accompanied by a joint resolution (H. Res. 56) explanatory of the act giving compensation to Judges Woodbridge and Chipman; which resolution was read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

On motion of Mr. Parker,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Thomas Woodward, for relief on account of services as coroner of Washington county, District of Columbia, and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Seymour, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 285) to divide the State of Illinois into two judicial districts, reported the same with an amendment in the nature of a substitute therefor.

Pending the question on agreeing to the said amendment,

Mr. Knox moved to amend the same, by providing for the holding of sessions of the court for the northern district at Peoria and Chicago, alternately.

Pending which,

Mr. Richardson moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the amendment to the amendment was disagreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the amendment reported from the Committee on the Judiciary was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and, under the operation of the previous question, passed.

Mr. Seymour moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to

whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 47) entitled "An act to divide the State of Ohio into two judicial districts, and to provide for holding the district and circuit court of the United States therein," reported the same without amendment.

Pending the question on its third reading,

Mr. Stanton moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the bill was ordered to be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on its passage,

Mr. Stanton moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas 117
Nays 38

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
William S. Aabe
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barkdale
William S. Barry
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Samuel L. Crocker
Francis B. Cutting
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
David T. Disney
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmonds
Thomas D. Eliot
Andrew Ellison
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley

Mr. Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
John R. Franklin
James Gamble
Joshua R. Giddings
John Z. Goodrich
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Bernhart Henn
Isaac E. Hiester
Thomas M. Howe
Harvey H. Johnson
J. Glancy Jones
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
Samuel Lilly
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald
John McQueen
Daniel Mace
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Samuel Mayall
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Mordcai Oliver
James L. Orr
Samuel W. Parker
John S. Phelps
James T. Pratt
William Preston

Mr. Benjamin Pringle
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
William Smith
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
Frederick P. Stanton
Heator L. Stevens
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
Samuel H. Walley
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodorio R. Westbrook
William H. Witte.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Edward Ball
William W. Boyce

Mr. Robert M. Bugg
Moses B. Corwin

Mr. John G. Davis
John M. Elliott

Mr. William H. English
 William O. Goode
 Ben Edwards Grey
 Galusha A. Grow
 William T. Hamilton
 Aaron Harlan
 Andrew J. Harlan
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Daniel T. Jones
 George W. Jones
 Lawrence M. Keitt

Mr. John Kerr
 James Knox
 John Letcher
 William D. Lindsley
 Fayette McMullen
 Smith Miller
 John S. Millson
 George W. Morrison
 William Murray
 Jesse O. Norton
 Edson B. Olds

Mr. Andrew Oliver
 Asa Packer
 Richard C. Puryear
 Sion H. Rogers
 William R. Sapp
 Wilson Shannon
 Charles Skelton
 John L. Taylor
 Michael C. Trout
 Hendrick B. Wright.

So the bill was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, the bill of the House (No. 133) to secure the right of citizenship to children of citizens of the United States born out of the limits thereof, with the amendment of the Senate thereto, was taken up, and the said amendment agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Kerr, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the legal representatives of Judah Touro, deceased, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 740) for the relief of the assignees of Anthony St. Maxent; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. May, from the same committee, reported a joint resolution (H. Res. 57) to carry out the provisions of a resolution concerning the distribution of the Statutes at Large, and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. May, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Plumsill, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 741) for his relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. May, by unanimous consent, the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union were discharged from the further consideration of bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 534. A bill concerning the apprehension and delivery of deserters from foreign vessels in the ports of the United States; and

H. R. 588. A bill to provide for the accommodation of the courts of the United States for the district of Maryland, and for a post office at Baltimore city, Maryland;

and the House proceeded to the consideration of the same.

Ordered, That the said bills be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, they were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. May moved that the vote by which the last named bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed, without amendment, bills of this House of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 435. An act for the relief of Daniel Morse, of Essex, county of Chittenden, in the State of Vermont ;

H. R. 499. An act to refund to the officers of the customs and others, of the district of Passamaquoddy, certain moneys ;

H. R. 707. An act for the relief of George Bush, of Thurston county, Washington Territory ;

H. R. 709. An act confirming a land claim to Elijah White, of the Territory of Washington ;

The Senate have also passed, with an amendment, a joint resolution of this House of the following title, viz :

H. Res. 36. Joint resolution for the relief of Lieutenant J. C. Carter ;
in which amendment I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have also passed bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz :

S. 603. An act for the relief of Mrs. Nancy Weatherford, widow of Colonel William Weatherford, of the first regiment Illinois volunteers, in the Mexican war ;

S. 412. An act for the relief of Mrs. Catharine Dickerson ;

S. 552. An act for the relief of George W. Torrence ;

S. 563. An act for the relief of Jeremiah Moors ;

S. 604. An act to change the name of the schooner " Henry Plantaganet " to that of " A. G. Brown ;"

S. Res. 37. A resolution for the relief of John Y. Laub, a clerk in the office of the First Comptroller of the Treasury ;
in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Caskie, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of James Cornich and wife, heirs-at-law of Robert Boush, deceased, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 742) to amend the act approved August 31, 1852, entitled " An act making further provision for the satisfaction of Virginia land warrants ;" which bill was read a first and second time.

After debate, and pending the question on its engrossment,

Mr. Cobb moved that the bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

After further debate,

Mr. John L. Taylor moved the previous question ; which was seconded and the main question ordered to be put ; when,

Mr. Flagler moved, at 3 o'clock and 20 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn ; which motion was disagreed to.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. Cobb to commit and print.

And being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 50
Nays..... 90

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
George W. Chase
Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
Cyrus L. Dunham
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
Thomas D. Eliot
Thomas T. Flagler
Joshua R. Giddings

Mr. John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Isaac E. Hiester
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
James Knox
Samuel Lilly
John McCulloch
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
William Murray

Mr. David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Asa Packer
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Benjamin Pringle
David A. Reese
Samuel L. Russell
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
Charles Skelton
Nathan T. Stratton
Andrew Stuart
Andrew Tracy
Michael C. Trout
Edward Wade
Tappan Wentworth.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
Thomas H. Bayly
Edward Ball
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Thomas H. Benton
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
John S. Caskie
Joseph R. Chandler
James S. Chrisman
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
William Cullom
Francis B. Cutting
John L. Dawson
Andrew Ellison
E. Wilder Farley
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas B. Florence
John B. Franklin
William O. Goode
Alfred B. Greenwood

Mr. Ben Edwards Grey
Aaron Harlan
Andrew J. Harlan
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
George W. Kittredge
Alfred W. Lamb
Milton S. Latham
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
William D. Lindsay
James A. McDougall
Fayette McMullen
John McNair
James Maurice
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
John S. Millson
George W. Morrison
Edson B. Olds
James L. Orr
Samuel W. Parker
John Perkins, jr.
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt

Mr. Charles Ready
William A. Richardson
David Ritchie
John Robbins, jr.
Ston H. Rogers
Thomas Ruffin
Alvah Sabin
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
William Smith
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Heator L. Stevens
Christian M. Straub
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Charles W. Upham
Hiram Walbridge
William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the motion to commit and print was disagreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on its passage,

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the bill was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton moved that the vote by which the said bill

was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Lamb moved, at 3 o'clock and 35 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary; which was handed in at the Speaker's table.

Mr. J. Glancy Jones, by unanimous consent, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 523) entitled "An act to establish a court for the investigation of claims against the United States," reported the same with an amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill and amendment be re-referred to the Committee of Claims, and printed.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Craige, at 3 o'clock and 50 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1855.

The following petitions and memorials were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Nathaniel G. Taylor: The petition of Joseph M. Rhea—heretofore presented March 23, 1848;

Also, the petition of Elijah Close—heretofore presented January 11, 1851;

Also, the petition of James Fuller—heretofore presented February 10, 1832.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Bennett: The petition of pensioners residing in the State of New York, that their pension commence on the 4th of March, 1848, instead of February 3, 1853; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Cutting: The petition of citizens of Oneida county, in the State of New York, to amend the act of September 28, 1850, granting bounty land to all who served in the different wars, proportionably to their service; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Nathaniel G. Taylor: The petition of David A. Deaderick, executor of the last will and testament of David Deaderick, deceased—heretofore presented May 5, 1846;

Also, the petition of William K. Blair—heretofore presented December 16, 1850.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. May: The memorial of the Board of Trade of the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, praying for the improvement of the navigation of the Ohio river.

By Mr. John Wentworth: The memorial of the Board of Trade of the city of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, that the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized to sell the property lately purchased for the site of the custom-house and post office, and procure another site more central in its position.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. John G. Miller: The petition of the South Park Colony Company, of the Territory of Kansas, for a grant of land to aid in the settlement of said Territory, and provide for the protection of emigrants to Kansas and Oregon; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Richard H. Stanton gave notice, under the rule, of his intention to move for leave to introduce a bill to remit the duties upon certain hemp-seed imported into the United States by Anthony Kilgore and other farmers of Kentucky, for agricultural purposes.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the following message received yesterday from the President of the United States, viz:

To the House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith the report of the Director of the mint, showing the operations of the mint and its branches for the past year.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, February 8, 1855.

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents be laid on the table and printed.

Mr. Chandler submitted the following resolution; which was read and referred to the Committee on Printing, viz:

Resolved, That in addition to the usual number of the message of the President of the United States, communicating the annual report of the Director of the mint, in connexion with the letter of the Secretary communicating a report on the fineness and value of foreign gold and silver coin, there be printed five hundred copies for the use of the Director of the mint.

The Speaker also, by unanimous consent, laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, in compliance with a resolution of the House of the 3d instant, information in relation to the engagement which took place near Fort Laramie on the 19th of August, 1854, between a detachment of United States troops and the Sioux Indians; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 651. An act for the relief of Samuel A. Belden and Company;

H. R. 459. An act for the relief of John Steene;

H. R. 117. An act to provide for the ascertainment and satisfaction of claims of American citizens for spoliation committed by the French prior to the 31st day of July, 1801; and

S. 47. An act to divide the State of Ohio into two judicial districts, and to provide for holding the district and circuit courts of the United States therein;

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United

States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary, which was handed in at the Speaker's table.

The House, by unanimous consent, resumed the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 353) to remodel the diplomatic and consular systems of the United States, heretofore reported from the Committee on Foreign Affairs with sundry amendments; the pending question being on agreeing to the said amendments.

Mr. Chandler moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered to be put.

Mr. John Perkins, jr., by unanimous consent, having modified the said bill, the amendments reported from the Committee on Foreign Affairs were severally agreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

The question was then put, Shall the bill pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 145
Nays..... 33

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
Thomas H. Bayly
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Peter H. Bell
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bocock
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
John S. Caskie
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Elijah W. Chastain
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar

Mr. Cyrus L. Dunham
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmonds
Thomas D. Eliot
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Charles J. Faulkner
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Flagler
James Gamble
William O. Goode
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Galusha A. Grow
Andrew J. Harlan
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Colin M. Ingersoll
Harvey H. Johnson
J. Glancy Jones
Roland Jones
John Kerr
George W. Kittredge
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb

Mr. James H. Lane
John Letcher
Samuel Lilly
Moses Macdonald
John McQueen
Daniel Mace
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
George W. Morrison
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Edson B. Olds
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
John Perkins, jr.
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Sion H. Rogers
Peter Rowe
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
James L. Seward

Mr. Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Jacob Shower
William Smith
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hester L. Stevens
David Stuart

Mr. John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
Michael C. Trout
Charles W. Upham
George Vail
Joshua Vansant

Mr. William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne
Tappan Wentworth
Theodorick R. Westbrook
Hendrick B. Wright
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William S. Ashe
Edward Ball
Nathan Belcher
James S. Chrisman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William H. English
Thomas B. Florence
John R. Franklin
Thomas J. D. Fuller
Joshua R. Giddings
Aaron Harlan

Mr. Isaac E. Hiestor
George S. Houston
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
Charles S. Lewis
William D. Lindaley
Orasmus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Samuel Mayall
Jesse O. Norton
Alex. C. M. Pennington

Mr. Thomas Ruffin
William R. Sapp
Henry M. Shaw
George A. Simmons
Augustus R. Sollers
Nathan T. Stratton
Andrew Stuart
William M. Tweed
Edward Wade
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.

So the bill was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. John Perkins, jr., moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Bocock, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill (H. R. 743) to authorize the construction of seven steam sloops of war; which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

This being private bill day,

A bill and joint resolution of the House of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 411. An act for the relief of the heirs of Larkin Smith;

H. Res. 36. Joint resolution for the relief of Lieutenant J. C. Carter—with the amendments of the Senate thereto, were taken up, and the said amendments severally agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Bills and a resolution of the Senate of the following titles, viz :

S. 564. An act granting bounty land to Susan Palmer;

S. 453. An act for the relief of Brevet Brigadier General John B. Walbach, of the United States army;

S. 590. An act for the relief of Franklin Chase;

S. Res. 37. A resolution for the relief of John Y. Laub, a clerk in the office of the First Comptroller of the Treasury;

S. 603. An act for the relief of Mrs. Nancy Weatherford, widow of Colonel William Weatherford, of the first regiment Illinois volunteers, in the Mexican war;

S. 552. An act for the relief of George W. Torrence;

S. 563. An act for the relief of Jeremiah Moors; and

S. 412. An act for the relief of Mrs. Catharine Dickerson—were severally read a first and second time, and referred as follows, viz :

S. 564, to the Committee on Public Lands;
S. 453 and 552, to the Committee on Military Affairs;
S. 590 and S. Res. 37, to the Committee of Claims;
S. 603 and 412, to the Committee on Invalid Pensions; and
S. 563, to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Edgerton submitted the following resolution; which was read,
viz:

Resolved, That all debate upon House bill No. 59 shall cease in one hour after the committee shall again resume the consideration thereof; and that the committee shall then proceed to vote upon such amendments as may be offered, and shall then report it to the House, with such amendments as may have been agreed to.

Mr. Clingman moved to amend the same, by striking out "one hour," and inserting "*three hours*" in lieu thereof; which motion was disagreed to.

The question then recurred on the resolution submitted by Mr. Edgerton.

And being put, it was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Greenwood, by unanimous consent, presented joint resolutions of the legislature of the State of Arkansas, relative to the repeal of the Missouri compromise of 1820; which were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Zollicoffer, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 218) for the relief of Commander G. J. Pendergrast, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

Mr. Walley, by unanimous consent, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the executor of Henry M. Shreve, deceased, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 744) for the relief of the widow and children of Henry M. Shreve, deceased; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Walley, by unanimous consent, from the same committee, to whom was referred a joint resolution of the House (No. 37) for the relief of John L. Smith and James McGaw, made an adverse report thereon.

Ordered, That the said joint resolution and report be laid on the table, and the report printed.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (No. 68) entitled "An act to remove obstructions to navigation in the mouth of the Mississippi river, at the Southwest Pass and Pass a l'Outre, was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

Pending the question on its third reading,

Mr. Dunbar moved that it be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pending which,

Mr. Fuller moved that it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Pending which,

Mr. Dunbar moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the motion of Mr. Dunbar was disagreed to, and the motion of Mr. Fuller was agreed to.

So the bill was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Subsequently,

Mr. Dunbar moved that the vote by which the said bill was referred be reconsidered; which motion was passed over for future consideration.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 436. An act for the improvement of the navigation of the Patapsco river, and to render the port of Baltimore accessible to the war-steamers of the United States;

S. 498. An act making appropriations for deepening the channel over the St. Clair flats, and for deepening the channel over the flats of the St. Mary's river, in the State of Michigan;

S. 500. An act to continue the improvement of the Desmoines and the Rock River rapids, in the Upper Mississippi;

S. 530. An act to continue the improvements in the harbor of Newark, New Jersey;

S. 545. An act making appropriations for the continuation and repair of certain public works in the State of Maine, heretofore commenced under the authority of law;

S. 549. An act to appropriate money to remove the obstructions in the Savannah river, below the city of Savannah, in the State of Georgia;

S. 565. An act to provide for the improvement of the navigation of the Ohio river;

S. 598. An act to provide for continuing the improvement of the Mississippi river;

S. 599. An act to provide for continuing the improvement of the Missouri river;

S. 600. An act to complete the work at the mouth of the river San Diego, in the State of California; and

S. 601. An act making an appropriation for the improvement of the Delaware breakwater;

in all which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 499. An act to refund to the officers of the customs and others, of the district of Passamaquoddy, certain moneys;

H. R. 709. An act confirming a land claim to Elijah White, of the Territory of Washington;

H. R. 707. An act for the relief of George Bush, of Thurston county, Washington Territory;

H. R. 133. An act to secure the right of citizenship to children of citizens of the United States born out of the limits thereof;

H. R. 435. An act for the relief of Daniel Morse, of Essex, county of Chittenden, in the State of Vermont;
when the Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Edgerton moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas 127
Nays 50

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Peter H. Bell
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss
John C. Breckenridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
John S. Caakie
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt
David T. Disney
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmonds
Henry A. Edmundson
John M. Elliott
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley

Mr. Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas B. Florence
John R. Franklin
James Gamble
Joshua R. Giddings
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Galusha A. Grow
Aaron Harlan
Andrew J. Harlan
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Bernhart Henn
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Harvey H. Johnson
J. Glancy Jones
John Kerr
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Samuel Lilly
James J. Lindley
John McCulloch
Fayette McMullen
Daniel Mace
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
Smith Miller
Edwin B. Morgan
Matthias H. Nichols

Mr. Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Bishop Perkins
James T. Pratt
William Preston
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
Sion H. Rogers
Peter Rowe
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Sharnon
George A. Simmons
William Smith
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Nathan T. Stratton
Andrew Stuart
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
George Vail
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne
Tappan Westworth
Theodoric R. Westbrook
Hendrick B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
William Barkadale
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
Preston S. Brooks
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Thomas L. Clingman
Francis B. Cutting
James F. Dowdell
Andrew Ellison
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas J. D. Fuller
William O. Goode
Solomon G. Haven

Mr. Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Colin M. Ingersoll
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
Zedekiah Kidwell
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
John McNair
John McQueen
John S. Millson
George W. Morrisson
William Murray
James L. Orr
Jared V. Peck
John S. Phelps

Mr. Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell
Benjamin Pringle
John Robbins, jr.
Thomas Ruffin
Russell Sage
Henry M. Snaw
Samuel A. Smith
George W. Smyth
John J. Taylor
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollcoffer.



So the motion was agreed to.

And the House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House; and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Greenwood reported that the committee having, according to order, had the private calendar under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 59) for the relief of Samuel Colt, had directed him to report the same, with a recommendation that the enacting clause be stricken out.

Pending the question on agreeing to the said report,

Mr. Edgerton moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the said report?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas 111
Nays 68

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
William Barkadale
William S. Barry
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas H. Benton
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
Alexander De Witt
James F. Dowdell

Mr. William Dunbar
Norman Eddy
J. Wiley Edmonds
Thomas D. Elliot
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas T. Flagler
John R. Franklin
Thomas J. D. Fuller
Joshua R. Giddings
William O. Goode
John Z. Goodrich
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Gray
Galusha A. Grow
Aaron Harlan
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hibbard

Mr. George S. Houston
Thomas M. Howe
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Roland Jones
John Kerr
Zedekiah Kidwell
George W. Kittredge
James Knox
James H. Lane
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
Caleb Lyon
John McQueen
Henry May
Ner Middleswarth
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
George W. Morrison
William Murray
David A. Noble

Mr. Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Bishop Perkins
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear

Mr. Charles Ready
David A. Reese
David Ritchie
John Robbins, jr.
Thomas Ruffin
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
Henry M. Shaw
George A. Simmons
William Smith
George W. Smyth
Hester L. Stevens
Nathan T. Stratton

Mr. John J. Taylor
Charles W. Upham
George Vail
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Israel Washburn, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
Willis Allen
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Nathan Belcher
Peter H. Bell
Henry Bennett
George Bliss
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
George W. Chase
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John P. Cook
William Cullom
Thomas Davis
David T. Disney
Cyrus L. Dunham
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
William H. English
James Gamble

Mr. Henry C. Goodwin
Frederick W. Green
Andrew J. Harlan
Clement S. Hill
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Colin M. Ingersoll
Harvey H. Johnson
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
William D. Lindaley
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
Fayette McMullen
Daniel Mace
James Maurice
James Meacham
Matthias H. Nichols
Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
James T. Pratt
Thomas Ritchey

Mr. Peter Rowe
Samuel L. Russell
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Jacob Shower
William R. Smith
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Edward A. Warren
Daniel Wells, jr.
Theodor R. Westbrook
Richard Yates.

So the bill was rejected.

Mr. Clingman moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Bocock, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (No. 568) entitled "An act to promote the efficiency of the navy," was taken from the Speaker's table, read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Notices were given, under the rule, of motions for leave to introduce bills as follows, viz:

By Mr. Pennington: A bill giving further time for satisfying claims for bounty lands, and for other purposes.

By Mr. Cobb: A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of the late firm of Remer and Hoth.

Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the second amendment of the Senate, together with the amendment of Mr. Fenton thereto, to the bill of the House (No. 554) entitled "An act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856," reported the same, recommending

agreement to the said amendment of the Senate with an amendment, and disagreement to the said amendment of Mr. Fenton.

Mr. Houston moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said report was agreed to.

The amendment of the Senate to the title of the said bill was then agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendment to their second amendment.

Mr. Houston moved that the vote by which the said report was agreed to be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Phelps, by unanimous consent, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 562) entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending June 30, 1856," with the amendments of the Senate thereto, reported the same, recommending agreement to some, disagreement to others, and agreement with amendments to others, of the said amendments.

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and, together with the accompanying papers, printed.

Mr. Ellison, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 745) for the relief of Catharine M. Hamer, widow of the late General Thomas L. Hamer; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Smith Miller, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (No. 587) entitled "An act to continue, temporarily, the offices of register and receiver at Vincennes," was taken from the Speaker's table and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Richard H. Stanton, from the Committee on Printing, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Public Printing be directed to send to the members of the present House of Representatives, at their homes, such of the books and documents, ordered by the present Congress, as they are respectively entitled to, and which they may not receive before the adjournment, unless otherwise ordered by individual members.

Mr. Richard H. Stanton moved that the vote by which the said resolution was agreed to be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Ready, by unanimous consent, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of Dr. Absalom Baird, late a surgeon in the army of the Revolution, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 746) for his relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Macdonald, at 3 o'clock and 45 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1855.

The following petitions were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Matteson: The petition of citizens of Royal Oak, in Oakland county, in the State of Michigan, for the amendment of the act of February 3, 1853, granting pensions to the widows of officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war, so that the pension shall commence at the deaths of their husbands; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Parker: The petition of citizens of Fayette county, in the State of Indiana, for the establishment of a mail-route from Cambridge City, in Wayne county, via Bentonville, Falmouth, Groves, Melrose, and Smelser's Mills, to Rushville, in Rush county; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. William Smith: The petition of Harrison Hough, for compensation withheld from him as purser's clerk, during a period of sickness; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Campbell: The petition of John B. Bayless, for an amendment of the revenue laws to prohibit the importation of all kinds of wines, spirits, and fermented liquors; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Peckham: The petition of citizens of Albany, in the State of New York, for the amendment of the act February 3, 1853, granting pensions to the widows of certain officers and soldiers, so as to remove the discrimination made between the widows of soldiers who died in the service during the war with Mexico, and the widows of officers and soldiers who died in the war with Great Britain; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the following message received yesterday from the President of the United States, viz:

To the House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith a report from the Secretary of State, in answer to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 27th ult.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, February 6, 1855.

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and printed.

The Speaker also, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the following executive communications, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the report of the Director of the mint on the value and fineness of certain foreign coins; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting a report

of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs relative to the claim of the Brotherton tribe of Indians against the United States; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

III. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, in compliance with law, lists of clerks and other persons employed in that department, other than officers of the army, during the year 1854; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

IV. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, in compliance with law, statements showing what contracts have been made under the authority of his department during the year 1854; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

V. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, in compliance with law, a statement of expenditures from the appropriations for contingencies of that department, its offices and bureaus, during the last fiscal year; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Barksdale, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (No. 604) entitled "An act to change the name of the schooner Henry Plantagenet to that of A. G. Brown," was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Fuller, by unanimous consent, the bill of the House (No. 242) authorizing the purchase or construction of four additional revenue cutters, and for other purposes, was taken from the Speaker's table, and the House proceeded to its consideration, the pending question being on its engrossment.

Mr. Fuller moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

Pending the question on its passage,

Mr. Cobb moved that the vote by which the said bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time be reconsidered; which motion was agreed to.

The question again recurring on the engrossment of the bill,

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones, the bill was amended by striking out the second section.

The question again recurred on the engrossment of the bill;

And being put, it was decided in the affirmative.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones, the title of the said bill was amended by striking out the words "and for other purposes;" and the title as amended was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Fuller moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Zollicoffer moved that the vote by which the bill of the Senate (No. 218) entitled "An act for the relief of Commander G. J. Pender-

grast," was committed to a Committee of the Whole House, be reconsidered. The said motion was passed over for the present.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the 9th instant, present to the President of the United States bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 499. An act to refund to the officers of the customs and others, of the district of Passamaquoddy, certain moneys;

H. R. 709. An act confirming a land claim to Elijah White, of the Territory of Washington;

H. R. 707. An act for the relief of George Bush, of Thurston county, Washington Territory;

H. R. 133. An act to secure the right of citizenship to children of citizens of the United States born out of the limits thereof;

H. R. 117. An act to provide for the ascertainment and satisfaction of claims of American citizens for spoliations committed by the French prior to the 31st day of July, 1801;

H. R. 241. An act for the relief of the administrators of Oliver Lee, deceased;

H. R. 651. An act for the relief of Samuel A. Belden & Company;

H. R. 459. An act for the relief of John Steenc;

S. 47. An act to divide the State of Ohio into two judicial districts, and to provide for holding the district and circuit courts of the United States therein;

H. R. 435. An act for the relief of Daniel Morse, of Essex, county of Chittenden, in the State of Vermont;

S. 67. An act to amend an act making appropriation for the improvement of certain harbors and rivers, approved August 30, 1852;

S. 142. An act for the relief of Don B. Juan Domercq, a Spanish subject;

S. 316. An act for the relief of the heirs-at-law of William Van Wart, deceased;

S. 550. An act changing the appropriation for the erection of a building in the city of Milwaukie for a custom-house, post office, and the United States courts;

S. 447. An act to increase the pension of Patrick C. Miles;

S. 254. An act for the relief of Catharine B. Arnold;

S. 256. An act for the relief of the West Feliciana Railroad and the Georgia Railroad and Banking Companies;

S. 244. An act for the relief of E. J. McLane; and

H. R. 131. An act for the relief of the heirs of Joseph Gerard;

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary, notifying the House that he did this day approve and sign the said bills of the House numbered 651, 459, 241, 131, 435, 707, 709, and 133.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

S. 543. An act to settle certain accounts between the United States and the State of Alabama;

S. 560. An act to amend an act to carry into effect a treaty between

the United States and Great Britain, signed on the 5th June, 1854, and approved August 5, 1854;

S. 619. An act to repeal so much of the thirtieth section of the act to establish the judicial courts of the United States as authorizes the taking of depositions without notice;

S. 620. An act for the relief of Hyacinth Riopell and others, heirs and assigns of Ambrose Riopell, deceased;

S. Res. 38. A resolution for the relief of Rebecca Hinton;
in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Houston moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Edgerton, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Haven reported that the committee having, according to order, had the private calendar under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 239) for the relief of John Moore and Hiram Hascall, had directed him to report the same with a recommendation that the enacting clause be stricken out.

Pending the question on agreeing to the said report,

Mr. Millson moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered to be put.

When,

Mr. John G. Davis moved, at 3 o'clock and 35 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put, Shall the enacting clause be stricken out?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 96
Nays..... 34

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
Edward Ball
William S. Barry
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas H. Benton
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
George W. Chase
Thomas L. Clingman
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Francis B. Cutting
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
Ben C. Eastman
J. Wiley Edmands
Thomas D. Elliot
Emerson Etheridge
E. Wilder Farley

Mr. Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas T. Flagler
John R. Franklin
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
Joshua R. Giddings
William O. Goode
Henry C. Goodwin
Ben Edwards Grey
Galusha A. Grow
Aaron Harlan
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Bernhart Henn
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
Zedekiah Kidwell
George W. Kittredge
James Knox
John Letcher
William D. Lindaley
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald

Mr. John McQueen
Orasmus B. Matteson
Augustus E. Maxwell
Ner Middlewarth
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
William Murray
Jesse O. Norton
James L. Orr
Ass Packer
Samuel W. Parker
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Bishop Perkins
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Sion H. Rogers
Peter Rowe
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell

Mr. Russell Sage
 William R. Sapp
 Henry M. Shaw
 Jacob Shower
 George A. Simmons
 Otho R. Singleton
 William Smith

Mr. George W. Smyth
 Augustus R. Sollers
 Andrew Stuart
 John J. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Michael C. Trout

Mr. William M. Tweed
 Edward Wade
 William A. Walker
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 John Wentworth
 Theodorie R. Westbrook
 Hendrick B. Wright

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Nathan Belcher
 Samuel A. Bridges
 Samuel Clark
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 John G. Davis
 William Dunbar
 Cyrus L. Dunham
 Norman Eddy
 William H. English
 Frederick W. Green
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 William T. Hamilton

Mr. Andrew J. Harlan
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Clement S. Hill
 George S. Houston
 Thomas M. Howe
 Charles Hughes
 James A. McDougall
 Fayette McMullen
 John McNair
 Smith Miller
 George W. Morrison

Mr. Matthias H. Nichols
 David A. Noble
 James T. Pratt
 Hester L. Stevens
 Nathan T. Stratton
 David Stuart
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Andrew Tracy
 Charles W. Upham
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 Tappan Wentworth.

So the bill was rejected.

Mr. Sage moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Harlan, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, and, by unanimous consent, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be requested to communicate to this House the amount of money he has paid to James T. Miller and Pym-y-oh-te-mah, or to either of them, as directed by the Senate's amendment to the treaty with the Miami Indians made in August, 1854; and if he has not paid the whole of the two thousand and two hundred dollars, his reasons, if any he has, for not having done so, and the amount unpaid.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Letcher, at 3 o'clock and 50 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1855.

The following petitions, memorial, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Phelps: The additional vouchers of Thomas Briggs, for services rendered upon the Mexican boundary commission, during the years 1850 and 1851.

By Mr. Joshua R. Giddings: The additional vouchers of James E. Owens, Julius B. A. Queen, George McClelland, and Madison Gassaway, for services rendered upon the Mexican boundary commission, during the years 1850 and 1851.

Ordered, That the said vouchers be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Simmons: The letter of J. D. Woodward, for the establishment of a mail-route from Bedford, in the State of New York, via

Horn's Mills, Union Falls, and Bloomingdale, to Saranac Lake; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Faulkner: The petition of citizens of the county of Jefferson, in the State of Virginia, for the payment of arrears of pension to Martha R. Broadus; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Breckinridge: The petition of Hannah S. Nelson, widow of Major Joseph S. Nelson, for a pension, on account of the services of her husband in the United States army.

By Mr. Pringle: The concurrent resolutions of the legislature of the State of New York, for the extension of the bounty-land and pension laws of the United States to the soldiers of the war of 1812, and to their widows and heirs-at-law;

Also, the petition of citizens of Genesee county, in the State of New York, for the extension of the bounty-land laws to all officers and soldiers who served in the war of 1812;

Also, the petition of citizens of Leroy, in the State of New York, for the extension of the bounty-land laws to all officers and soldiers who served in the war of 1812.

Ordered, That the said petitions and resolutions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Haven: The petition of citizens of the town of Concord, in the State of New York, for a modification of the pension laws, and an extension of the bounty-land laws to all officers and soldiers who served in the war of 1812;

Also, the petition of citizens of the town of Aurora, in the State of New York, of like import with the foregoing;

Also, the petition of citizens of the town of Wales, in the State of New York, of like import with the foregoing.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Wade: The petition of citizens of Cuyahoga county, in the State of Ohio, for a portion of the public domain to be set apart for the colonization of the free people of color of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Territories.

By Mr. Hughes: Two petitions of citizens of Sandy Hill, in the State of New York, for an amendment of the bounty-land laws; which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Walbridge: The petition of citizens of the city of New York, in favor of the passage of the homestead bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Witte: The memorial of Messrs. Lenman and Company; asking Congress to examine their plan and estimates for furnishing Washington city with pure water; which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement of the expenditure of the contingent fund of his department, for the last fiscal year; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

The Speaker also, by unanimous consent, laid before the House a letter from the governor of Oregon Territory, submitting a statement

of the expenditure of money appropriated by Congress for the use and benefit of the Territory of Oregon, which is being expended under the order or supervision of the governor and assembly; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stratton, the rules having been suspended for that purpose, submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That for the remainder of the present session, all debate in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union shall be confined strictly to the question or proposition under consideration, unless during such evening sessions as a majority of said committee may order for the exclusive purpose of general debate.

The same having been read,

Mr. George W. Jones moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said resolution was agreed to.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the vote by which the said resolution was agreed to be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Edmundson moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to submit the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be instructed to inquire into the expediency of purchasing, for the use of the Senate and of the House of Representatives, ———— copies of F. F. C. Triplett's digest of the pension and bounty-land laws, at a price not exceeding ———— per copy;

which motion was disagreed to—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

On motion of Mr. Ball, the rules having been suspended for that purpose, the Committee of the Whole House were discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 148) entitled "An act for the relief of Zachariah Lawrence, of Ohio," and the House proceeded to its consideration, the pending question being on the amendment reported thereto from the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Ball moved the previous question; which was seconded, and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Millson moved that the said bill be laid on the table; which motion was disagreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendment.

Mr. Ball moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to move that the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution of the Senate (No. 4) authorizing the President of the United States to confer the title of lieutenant general by brevet for eminent services.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 132
Nays..... 51

Two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
Thomas H. Bayly
Edward Ball
Peter H. Bell
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Francis M. Bristow
Preston S. Brooks
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Francis B. Cutting
Alexander De Witt
John Dick
Edward Dickinson
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmonds
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Eliot
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
John R. Franklin

Mr. James Gamble
William O. Goode
Henry C. Goodwin
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Aaron Harlan
Andrew J. Harlan
Solomon G. Haven
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Colin M. Ingersoll
Harvey H. Johnson
J. Glancy Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
Milton S. Latham
James J. Lindley
Caleb Lyon
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
Fayette McMullen
John McNair
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Henry May
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Samuel W. Parker
Rufus W. Peckham

Mr. Alex. C. M. Pennington
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
William A. Richardson
David Ritchie
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sepp
James L. Seward
George A. Simmons
William Smith
William R. Smith
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Nathan T. Stratton
David Stuart
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
Michael C. Trout
Charles W. Upham
George Vail
Joshua Vansant
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodorio R. Westbrook
William H. Witte
Richard Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William S. Ashe
William Barkedale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Samuel A. Bridges
Elijah W. Chastain
William M. Churchwell
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Burton Craige
John G. Davis

Mr. James F. Dowdell
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Thomas J. D. Fuller
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Sampson W. Harris
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks

Mr. Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
Roland Jones
Zedekiah Kidwell
George W. Kittredge
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane

Mr. John Letcher
 Samuel Lilly
 William D. Lindsley
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 John S. Millson
 George W. Morrison
 William Murray

Mr. Edson B. Olds
 Bishop Perkins
 John Perkins, jr.
 John S. Phelps
 Paulus Powell
 Thomas Ritchey
 Thomas Ruffin

Mr. Origen S. Seymour
 Henry M. Shaw
 Hestor L. Stevens
 Andrew Stuart
 Edward Wade
 Daniel B. Wright
 Hendrick B. Wright.

So the rules were suspended.

Mr. Bayly thereupon submitted his aforesaid motion,
 And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?
 It was decided in the affirmative.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the said resolution, the pending question being on its third reading.

Mr. Bayly moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the resolution was ordered to be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on its passage,

Mr. Andrew Stuart moved that the resolution be laid on the table; which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Bayly moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered and put, viz: Shall the resolution pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 127
 { Nays..... 65

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr James Abercrombie
 William Aiken
 James C. Allen
 William Appleton
 Thomas H. Bayly
 Edward Ball
 Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
 Peter H. Bell
 Henry Bennett
 Samuel P. Benson
 Thomas H. Benton
 John C. Breckinridge
 Francis M. Bristow
 Preston S. Brooks
 Robert M. Bugg
 Lewis D. Campbell
 Davis Carpenter
 Samuel Caruthers
 Joseph R. Chandler
 George W. Chase
 James S. Chrisman
 Thomas L. Clingman
 John P. Cook
 Moses B. Corwin
 Leander M. Cox
 Samuel L. Crocker
 Francis B. Cutting
 Alexander De Witt
 John Dick
 Edward Dickinson
 William Dunbar
 Norman Eddy
 J. Wiley Edmunds
 Henry A. Edmundson

Mr. Thomas D. Eliot
 Emerson Etheridge
 William Everhart
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Reuben E. Fenton
 Thomas T. Flagler
 Thomas B. Florence
 John R. Franklin
 James Gamble
 William O. Goode
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 Ben Edwards Grey
 Aaron Harlan
 Solomon G. Haven
 Isaac E. Hiester
 Clement S. Hill
 Thomas M. Howe
 Charles Hughes
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Colin M. Ingersoll
 Harvey H. Johnson
 J. Glancy Jones
 Lawrence M. Keitt
 John Kerr
 James Knox
 William H. Kurtz
 Milton S. Latham
 Charles S. Lewis
 James J. Lindley
 Caleb Lyon
 John McCulloch
 Moses Macdonald
 James A. McDougall

Mr. Fayette McMullen
 John McNair
 Daniel Mace
 John B. Macy
 Orsamus B. Mattoon
 James Maurice
 Henry May
 Samuel Mayall
 James Meacham
 Ner Middlewarth
 Edwin B. Morgan
 David A. Noble
 Jesse O. Norton
 Andrew Oliver
 Mordecai Oliver
 James L. Orr
 Samuel W. Parker
 Rufus W. Peckham
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 William Preston
 Benjamin Pringle
 Richard C. Puryear
 Charles Ready
 David A. Reese
 • William A. Richardson
 David Ritchie
 Thomas Ritchey
 Peter Rowe
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 William R. Sapp
 James L. Seward
 George A. Simmons

Mr. William Smith
 William R. Smith
 Augustus E. Sollers
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Richard H. Stanton
 David Stuart
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Benjamin B. Thurston

Mr. Andrew Tracy
 Michael C. Trout
 Charles W. Upham
 George Vail
 Joshua Vansant
 Hiram Walbridge
 William A. Walker
 Samuel H. Walley

Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 John Wentworth
 Tappan Wentworth
 Theodorick R. Westbrook
 Richard Yates
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Willis Allen
 William S. Ashe
 William Barksdale
 William S. Barry
 Nathan Belcher
 Thomas S. Boccock
 Samuel A. Bridges
 William M. Churchwell
 Samuel Clark
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 Burton Craige
 Carlton B. Curtis
 John G. Davis
 David T. Disney
 James F. Dowdell
 Cyrus L. Dunham
 Ben C. Eastman
 Alfred P. Edgerton
 Andrew Ellison
 William H. English
 Thomas J. D. Fuller
 Joshua R. Giddings

Mr. Galusha A. Grow
 William T. Hamilton
 Andrew J. Harlan
 Sampson W. Harris
 Wiley P. Harris
 George Hastings
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Bernhart Henn
 Harry Hibbard
 George S. Houston
 Daniel T. Jones
 George W. Jones
 Roland Jones
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 George W. Kittredge
 Alfred W. Lamb
 James H. Lane
 John Letcher
 Samuel Lilly
 William D. Lindaley
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 John S. Millson

Mr. George W. Morrison
 William Murray
 Edson B. Olds
 Bishop Perkins
 John Perkins, jr.
 John S. Phelps
 Paulus Powell
 John Robbins, jr.
 Thomas Ruffin
 Origen S. Seymour
 Henry M. Shaw
 George W. Smyth
 Hester L. Stevens
 Nathan T. Stratton
 Andrew Stuart
 John J. Taylor
 Edward Wade
 Mike Walsh
 William H. Witte
 Daniel B. Wright
 Hendrick B. Wright.

So the resolution was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly moved that the vote by which the said resolution was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hughes, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Daniel S. Cash, for the purpose of reference to one of the executive departments.

The said papers were thereupon handed to Mr. Hughes.

On motion of Mr. Eastman, by unanimous consent, the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union were discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the House (No. 538) to establish an additional land district in the State of Wisconsin, and the House proceeded to its consideration.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

On motion of Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne, by unanimous consent, the bill of the House (No. 9) for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands, with the amendment of the Senate thereto, was taken up, and the said amendment disagreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Richard H. Stanton, by unanimous consent,
Ordered, That the resolution adopted on Friday last, relative to books and documents not distributed to members before the adjournment of Congress, be so modified as to read "*officers of the House having charge of the same*," in lieu of "Superintendent of Public Printing."

Mr. McDougall moved that the rules be suspended so as to enable him to report, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, the bill of the House (No. 685) providing for an express mail overland from St. Louis to San Francisco.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 104
 { Nays..... 65

Two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
 James C. Allen
 William S. Ashe
 Edward Ball
 Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
 Peter H. Bell
 Thomas H. Benton
 George Bliss
 William W. Boyce
 Francis M. Bristow
 Preston S. Brooks
 Robert M. Bugg
 Lewis D. Campbell
 Samuel Caruthers
 Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
 John P. Cook
 Moses B. Corwin
 Leander M. Cox
 William Cullom
 John G. Davis
 Alexander De Witt
 William Dunbar
 J. Wiley Edmands
 Henry A. Edmondson
 Thomas D. Eliot
 William H. Engliash
 Emerson Etheridge
 William Everhart
 E. Wilder Farley
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Reuben E. Fenton
 Thomas B. Florence
 John R. Franklin
 James Gamble
 William O. Goode

Mr. Ben Edwards Grey
 Andrew J. Harlan
 Wiley P. Harris
 Solomon G. Haven
 Bernhart Henn
 Clement S. Hill
 Thomas M. Howe
 Charles Hughes
 James Knox
 William H. Kurtz
 Alfred W. Lamb
 James H. Lane
 Milton S. Latham
 James J. Lindley
 William D. Lindaley
 John McCulloch
 Moses Macdonald
 James A. McDougall
 John B. Macy
 Orsamus B. Matteson
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 Henry May
 James Meacham
 Edwin B. Morgan
 David A. Noble
 Edson B. Olds
 Andrew Oliver
 Mordecai Oliver
 Asa Packer
 Samuel W. Parker
 Rufus W. Peckham
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 John Perkins, jr.
 John S. Phelps
 James T. Pratt

Mr. Charles Ready
 William A. Richardson
 George Read Riddle
 David Ritchie
 John Robbins, jr.
 Sion H. Rogers
 Peter Rowe
 Thomas Ruffin
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 James L. Seward
 Origen S. Seymour
 George A. Simmons
 Augustus R. Sollers
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Hester L. Stevens
 Andrew Stuart
 David Stuart
 John J. Taylor
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Charles W. Upham
 Hiram Walbridge
 William A. Walker
 Samuel H. Walley
 Edward A. Warren
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 John Wentworth
 Theodor R. Westbrook
 Hendrick B. Wright
 Richard Yates
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken
 William Appleton
 William Barkadale
 William S. Barry
 Nathan Belcher
 Henry Bennett
 Samuel P. Benson

Mr. Samuel A. Bridges
 Davis Carpenter
 George W. Chase
 Elijah W. Chastain
 James S. Chrisman
 Thomas L. Clingman
 Williamson R. W. Cobb

Mr. Burton Craig
 Samuel L. Crocker
 Thomas Davis
 Edward Dickinson
 James F. Dowdell
 Cyrus L. Dunham
 Andrew Ellison

Mr. Thomas T. Flagler
 Joshua R. Giddings
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Galusha A. Grow
 William T. Hamilton
 Aaron Harlan
 Sampson W. Harris
 Harry Hibbard
 Isaac E. Hiestor
 George S. Houston
 George W. Jones
 J. Glancy Jones
 Roland Jones
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 George W. Kittredge

Mr. Charles S. Lewis
 Samuel Lilly
 Fayette McMullen
 John McNair
 John McQueen
 Daniel Mace
 James Maurice
 Ner Middleswarth
 John S. Millson
 George W. Morrison
 Jared V. Peck
 Bishop Perkins
 Paulus Powell
 Benjamin Pringle
 Thomas Ritchey

Mr. William R. Sapp
 Wilson Shannon
 Henry M. Shaw
 Jacob Shower
 William Smith
 William R. Smith
 Nathan T. Stratton
 Andrew Tracy
 Michael C. Trout
 George Vail
 Joshua Vansant
 Edward Wade
 Mike Walsh
 Daniel B. Wright

So the House refused to suspend the rules,

Mr. Ingersoll moved that the rules be suspended so as to enable him to move that the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 430) for the relief of Henry S. Sanford.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 98
 { Nays..... 71

Two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
 William Aiken
 William Appleton
 William S. Ashe
 Thomas H. Bayly
 Edward Ball
 Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
 William Barkdale
 William S. Barry
 Nathan Belcher
 Peter H. Bell
 Samuel P. Benson
 Thomas H. Benton
 William W. Boyce
 Francis M. Bristow
 Robert M. Bugg
 Lewis D. Campbell
 Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
 Joseph R. Chandler
 George W. Chase
 James S. Chrisman
 Samuel Clark
 John P. Cook
 Moses B. Corwin
 Samuel L. Crocker
 Thomas W. Cumming
 Francis B. Cutting
 Thomas Davis
 Alexander De Witt
 Edward Dickinson
 William Dunbar
 Ben C. Eastman
 J. Wiley Edmonds

Mr. Henry A. Edmundson
 Thomas D. Elliot
 Emerson Etheridge
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Reuben E. Fenton
 Thomas T. Flagler
 Thomas B. Florence
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Aaron Harlan
 Wiley P. Harris
 Solomon G. Haven
 Isaac E. Hiestor
 Thomas M. Howe
 Charles Hughes
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Colin M. Ingersoll
 Lawrence M. Keitt
 John Kerr
 James H. Lane
 Milton S. Latham
 James J. Lindley
 James A. McDougall
 John B. Macy
 Orasmus B. Matteson
 James Meacham
 Edwin B. Morgan
 David A. Noble
 Edson B. Olds
 Mordecai Oliver
 James L. Orr
 Jared V. Peck
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 John Perkins, jr.

Mr. John S. Phelps
 Benjamin Pringle
 Richard C. Puryear
 Charles Ready
 David A. Reese
 William A. Richardson
 David Ritchie
 Sion H. Rogers
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 William R. Sapp
 Origen S. Seymour
 George A. Simmons
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Richard H. Stanton
 Hester L. Stevens
 David Stuart
 John J. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Charles W. Upham
 Hiram Walbridge
 Samuel H. Walley
 Mike Walsh
 Elihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 John Wentworth
 Tappan Wentworth
 Theodoric R. Westbrook
 William H. Witte
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Henry Bennett
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Preston S. Brooks
Davis Carpenter
Elijah W. Chastain
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Leander M. Cox
Carlton B. Curtis
John G. Davis
Cyrus L. Dunham
Norman Eddy
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
William O. Goode
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Andrew J. Harlan
Sampson W. Harris
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn

Mr. George S. Houston
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Roland Jones
Zedekiah Kidwell
George W. Kittredge
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindale
Caleb Lyon
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald
Fayette McMullen
John McNair
John McQueen
Daniel Mace
James Maurice
Samuel Mayall
Ner Middleswarth

Mr. John S. Millson
William Murray
Jesse O. Norton
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker
Rufus W. Peckham
Bishop Perkins
Paulus Powell
Thomas Ritchey
Thomas Ruffin
James L. Seward
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
William Smith
William E. Smith
Nathan T. Stratton
Andrew Stuart
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Joshua Vansant
William A. Walker
Hendrick B. Wright
Richard Yates.

So the House refused to suspend the rules.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did, on the 10th instant, approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 447. An act to increase the pension of Patrick C. Miles.

S. 346. An act for the relief of the heirs-at-law of William Van Wart, deceased.

S. 256. An act for the relief of the West Feliciana Railroad and Georgia Railroad and Banking Companies.

S. 254. An act for the relief of Catharine B. Arnold

S. 47. An act to divide the State of Ohio into two judicial districts, and to provide for holding the district and circuit courts of the United States therein.

S. 244. An act for the relief of E. J. McLane.

S. 550. An act changing the appropriation for the erection of a building in the city of Milwaukee for a custom-house, post office, and the United States courts.

The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 387. An act for the relief of George M. Farnum, commercial agent of Port Louis;

S. 389. An act for the relief of Michael Hanson;

S. 395. An act for the relief of Peter Amey, colored man;

S. 421. An act for the relief of Abraham Cutter;

S. 429. An act for the relief of Commodore Foxhall A. Parker, of the United States navy.

S. 431. An act for the relief of George W. Harris;

S. 439. An act for the relief of the heirs of William Turvin, deceased;

S. 450. An act for the relief of William Rich;

- S. 454. An act for the relief of John P. Brown ;
S. 457. An act for the relief of William Clark ;
S. 463. An act for the relief of the officers and soldiers of the army who sustained loss by the disasters to the steamships " Winfield Scott " and " San Francisco ;"
S. 465. An act for the relief of Puig, Mir & Co. ;
S. 473. An act for the relief of Horatio J. Perry ;
S. 474. An act for the relief of Robert M. Walsh ;
S. 475. An act for the relief of George W. Lippitt ;
S. 476. An act for the relief of Henry Savage ;
S. 477. An act for the relief of J. B. Holman ;
S. 478. An act for the relief of Peter Parker ;
S. 479. An act for the relief of Joseph Graham ;
S. 480. An act for the relief of Ferdinand Coxe ;
S. 490. An act for the relief of Betsey W. Eve ;
S. 494. An act for the relief of James H. Smith and Charles Stevens ;
S. 456. An act for the relief of Charles W. Carroll ;
S. 506. An act for the relief of Simeon Stedman ;
S. 533. An act for the relief of William P. Young ;
S. 539. An act for the relief of Lieutenants John C. McFerran and Samuel D. Sturgis, of the United States army ;
S. 546. An act for the relief of Charles McCormick, assistant surgeon in the United States army ;
S. 551. An act for the relief of Dr. William P. Buel ;
S. 459. An act for the relief of Lieutenant Colonel Edw. R. S. Canby ;
S. 595. An act for the relief of Richard Albritton ;
S. 553. An act for the relief of Amos B. Eaton, a commissary of subsistence in the United States army ;
S. 396. An act for the relief of the assignees or legal representatives of Jacques Moulon ;
S. 323. An act for the relief of the " Tampico volunteers ;"
S. 521. An act for the relief of Parmelia Slavin, late the wife of John Blue, deceased ;
S. 444. An act for the relief of Nancy D. Holker, widow and administratrix of John Holker, deceased ;
S. 469. An act for the relief of Lewis Warrington, jr. ;
S. 579. An act for the relief of the heirs of Jabez B. Rooker, deceased ;
S. 624. An act for the relief of Sylvester Churchill ;
in all which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.
The Senate have passed, with amendments, bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz :
H. R. 272. An act for the relief of Daniel Bedinger's heirs ;
H. R. 426. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Lieutenant Francis Ware ;
H. Res. 34. Joint resolution declaring the Seneca Indians entitled to pension and bounty lands in certain cases ;
in which amendments I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have also passed bills of this House of the following titles, severally without amendment, viz:

H. R. 319. An act for the relief of Samuel McKnight, of the State of Kentucky.

H. R. 320. An act for the relief of William Wallace, of Illinois.

H. R. 373. An act to provide a pension for Oliver Brown, of Chemung county, New York.

H. R. 374. An act to provide a pension for Edmund Mitchell, of Carroll county, in the State of Kentucky.

H. R. 371. An act for the relief of George H. Paige, United States army.

H. R. 378. An act for the relief of John Brown, second, of New Hampshire.

H. R. 377. An act for the relief of John H. Hicks, of Indiana.

H. R. 385. An act for the relief of Abraham Ausman.

H. R. 455. An act for the relief of John Cole.

H. R. 456. An act for the relief of George Lynch.

H. R. 460. An act for the relief of George Elliott.

H. R. 487. An act for the relief of George T. Rallston.

H. R. 479. An act for the relief of William Gove.

H. R. 481. An act for the relief of William Parker.

H. R. 449. An act granting bounty land to Cornelius Coffey.

H. R. 452. An act for the relief of Eleanor Hoople, of the province of Canada.

H. R. 512. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Putnam.

H. R. 486. An act for the relief of Sidney P. Pool, of the State of Maine.

H. R. 472. An act for the relief of Lincoln Bates.

H. R. 484. An act for the relief of Polly Carver, widow and executrix of Nathan Carver deceased.

H. R. 521. An act for the relief of William Case.

H. R. 361. An act for the relief of the widow and children of Ezra Chapman, deceased.

H. R. 196. An act for the relief of Gilbert C. Russell.

H. R. 285. An act to divide the State of Illinois into two judicial districts.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled the said bills of the House numbered 196, 285, 319, 320, 361, 371, 373, 374, 377, 378, 385, 449, 452, 455, 456, 460, 472, 479, 484, 486, 521, 487, 512, and 481; also,

H. Res. 36. Joint resolution for the relief of Lieutenant J. C. Carter;

H. R. 411. An act for the relief of the heirs of Larkin Smith;

S. 587. An act to continue temporarily the offices of register and receiver at Vincennes, Indiana; and

S. 604. An act to change the name of the schooner "Henry Plantagenet" to that of "A. G. Brown."

When,

The Speaker signed the said bills and joint resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill of the following title, viz :

S. 633. An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Gerard Wood, deceased ;
in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to move that the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution of the House (No. 47) to fulfil the stipulations of the 9th article of the treaty of 1819, between the United States and Spain.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 118
 { Nays..... 54

Two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
William Appleton
Thomas H. Bayly
Edward Ball
William Barkadale
William S. Barry
Peter H. Bell
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Elijah W. Chastain
Thomas L. Clingman
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Thomas W. Cumming
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
Ben C. Eastman
J. Wiley Edmonds
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Eliot
Andrew Ellison
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart

Mr. E. Wilder Farley
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
John R. Franklin
Henry C. Goodwin
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Aaron Harlan
Andrew J. Harlan
Sampson W. Harris
Wiley P. Harris
Solomon G. Haven
Isaac E. Hiester
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Harvey H. Johnson
John Kerr
James Knox
Alfred W. Lamb
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindale
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Orasmus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
Matthias H. Nichols
Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
Andrew Oliver
Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham

Mr. Alex. C. M. Pennington
James T. Pratt
William Preston
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
John Robbins, jr.
Sion H. Rogers
Peter Rowe
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Jacob Shower
Samuel A. Smith
William R. Smith
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
David Stuart
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Hiram Walbridge
Samuel H. Walley
Mike Walsh
Edward A. Warren
Israel Washburn, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodoric E. Westbrook
Hendrick B. Wright

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Willis Allen
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Nathan Belcher
James S. Chrisman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John P. Cook
Leander M. Cox
Burton Craige
Carlton B. Curtis
James F. Dowdell
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
William O. Goode
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
George Hastings
Bernhart Henn

Mr. Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Roland Jones
Zedekiah Kidwell
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
John McCulloch
Fayette McMullen
John McNair
John McQueen
John S. Millson
George W. Morrison

Mr. William Murray
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker
Bishop Perkins
John S. Phelps
Benjamin Pringle
Thomas Ruffin
George W. Smyth
Nathan T. Stratton
John J. Taylor
Michael C. Trout
George Vail
Joshua Vansant
Elliott B. Washburne
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the rules were suspended; and thereupon Mr. Frederick P. Stanton submitted his aforesaid motion.

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative.

So the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union were discharged from the further consideration of the said joint resolution; and the House proceeded to its consideration.

After debate, and pending the question on its engrossment,

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. Orr moved, at 3 o'clock and 3 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn.

And the question being put on the latter motion,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 61
Nays 113

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
Willis Allen
William S. Barry
Thomas H. Benton
Robert M. Bugg
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John P. Cook
Burton Craige
John G. Davis
James F. Dowdell
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Andrew Ellison
Thomas T. Flagler
William O. Goode
William T. Hamilton

Mr. Sampson W. Harris
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Roland Jones
Zedekiah Kidwell
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz
John Letcher
Samuel Lilly
John McCulloch
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
Ner Middleswarth
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan

Mr. William Murray
David A. Noble
Edson B. Olds
James L. Orr
Samuel W. Parker
Bishop Perkins
John S. Phelps
Benjamin Pringle
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
Georgs W. Smyth
Nathan T. Stratton
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
John J. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
George Vail
Edward Wade
Mike Walsh
Daniel B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken
William Appleton
Edward Bell
William Barksdale
Nathan Belcher
Peter H. Bell
Henry Bennett
George Bliss
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Preston S. Brooks
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
William M. Churchwell
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Francis B. Cutting
Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
J. Wiley Edmonds
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Elliot
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Charles J. Faulkner
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas B. Florence

Mr. John R. Franklin
Henry C. Goodwin
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Galusha A. Grow
Aaron Harlan
Andrew J. Harlan
Wiley P. Harris
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
George S. Houston
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
John Kerr
James Knox
Milton S. Latham
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindale
James A. McDougall
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Samuel Mayall
George W. Morrison
Matthias H. Nichols
Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver
Jared V. Peck
Alex. C. M. Pennington
John Perkins, jr.
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt

Mr. William Preston
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Sion H. Rogers
Peter Rowe
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William B. Sapp
James L. Seward
Jacob Shower
William Smith
William R. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Andrew Tracy
Michael C. Trout
Charles W. Upham
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodorie R. Westbrook
William H. Witte
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the House refused to adjourn.

The question then recurring on the demand for the previous question, it was seconded.

Pending the question on ordering the main question,

Mr. Hibbard moved, at 3 o'clock and 30 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 86
Nays 88

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
Willis Allen
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Thomas H. Benton
Thomas S. Bocoek
William W. Boyce
Robert M. Bugg
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain

Mr. James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John P. Cook
Leander M. Cox
Burton Craige
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt

Mr. James F. Dowdell
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Henry A. Edmundson
Andrew Ellison
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
Joshua R. Giddings
William O. Goode

Mr. Alfred B. Greenwood
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Sampson W. Harris
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Charles Hughes
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Roland Jones
George W. Kittredge
Milton S. Latham
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis

Mr. Samuel Lilly
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
George W. Morrison
William Murray
David A. Noble
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Bishop Perkins
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle

Mr. David Ritchie
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
Russell Sage
William Smith
George W. Smyth
Augustus B. Sollers
Nathan T. Stratton
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
John J. Taylor
George Vail
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
Mike Walsh
Ellihu B. Washburne
John Wentworth
Hendrick B. Wright

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Appleton
Edward Ball
Peter H. Bell
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Francis B. Cutting
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
J. Wiley Edmands
Thomas D. Eliot
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Charles J. Faulkner
Reuben E. Fenton

Mr. Henry C. Goodwin
Frederick W. Green
Ben Edwards Grey
Aaron Harlan
Andrew J. Harlan
Wiley P. Harris
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Theodore G. Hunt
John Kerr
James Knox
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindsley
James A. McDougall
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Ossamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Samuel Mayall
Matthias H. Nichols
Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
James T. Pratt

Mr. Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
Thomas Ritchey
Sion H. Rogers
Peter Rowe
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Jacob Shower
William R. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hester L. Stevens
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Andrew Tracy
Michael C. Trout
Charles W. Upham
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
Theodor B. Westbrook
William H. Witte
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the House again refused to adjourn.

Mr. Orr moved that the joint resolution be laid on the table.

Pending which, the yeas and nays having been ordered thereon,

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, at 3 o'clock and 50 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1855.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Riddle: The remonstrance of citizens of Newark, in the State of Delaware, against the renewal of the patents of Obed Hussey, C. H. McCormick, and Moore and Hascall.

By Mr. Cook : The resolutions of the legislature of the State of Iowa, against the renewal of the patents of Obed Hussey, Cyrus H. McCormick, and Moore and Hascall.

By Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne : Five remonstrances of citizens of Stephenson county, in the State of Illinois, against the renewal of the patents of Obed Hussey, Cyrus H. McCormick, and Moore and Hascall.

By Mr. Teller : The remonstrance of citizens of Dutchess county, in the State of New York, against the renewal of the patent of William Woodworth.

By Mr. Macy : The resolution of the legislature of the State of Wisconsin, against the renewal of the patents of Obed Hussey, Cyrus H. McCormick, and Moore and Hascall.

Ordered, That the said resolutions and remonstrances be referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Cook : The joint resolution of the legislature of the State of Iowa, for the establishment of a mail-route from Oskaloosa, via Wilson's Ferry, Hamilton, and Anderson C. Wilson's Mill, to Chariton, in Lucas county ;

Also, the joint resolution of legislature of the State of Iowa, for the establishment of a mail-route from Mount Pleasant, via Trenton, Deeds-ville, Brighton, Clay, Rutland, Steadyrun, Butler, and Fremont, to Oskaloosa ;

Also, the joint resolution of the legislature of the State of Iowa, for the establishment of a mail-route from Dewitt, via Grand Mound and Toronto, to Tipton ;

Also, the joint resolution of the legislature of the State of Iowa, for the establishment of a mail-route from Bloomfield, via Centreville and Corydon, to Leon ; also, for a mail-route from Fort Des Moines, via Indianola, Ocala, and Leon, to Princeton, in the State of Missouri ;

Also, the joint resolution of the legislature of the State of Iowa, for the establishment of a mail-route from Iowa City, via North Bend, Henderson's Mills, Monroeville, in Johnson county, and Dutch Colony, in Iowa county, Hickory Grove, in Benton county, Toledo, the county seat of Tama county, and Bruner's Mills, to the county-seat of Hardin county ;

Also, the joint resolution of the legislature of the State of Iowa, for the reduction of the rate of ocean postage with all foreign countries to the lowest sum practicable.

By Mr. Macy : The memorial of the legislature of the State of Wisconsin, for the establishment of a mail-route from Fox Lake, in Dodge county, via Shoenaw, Kingston, and Long Lake, to Montello, in Marquette county.

Ordered, That the said resolutions and memorial be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Cook : The joint resolution of the legislature of the State of Iowa, for additional bounty land to the soldiers of the war of 1812.

By Mr. Haven : Two petitions of citizens of Erie county, in the State of New York, for an amendment of the bounty-land laws.

By Mr. Fenton : The petition of citizens of the town of Forestville,

in the State of New York, for an amendment of the bounty-land law of September 28, 1850.

Ordered, That the said joint resolution and petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Cook: The memorial of the legislature of the State of Iowa, for the protection of the emigrant route to Oregon and California, and the construction of a telegraphic communication between the valley of the Mississippi river and the coast of the Pacific ocean; which was referred to the Committee on the Territories.

By Mr. Macy: The joint resolutions of the legislature of the State of Wisconsin against any change of the naturalization laws; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Teller: The petition of citizens of the county of Columbia, in the State of New York, for the extension of the bounty-land laws; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Wheeler: The petition of Jason Mapes—heretofore presented June 23, 1852; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House joint resolutions of the legislature of the State of Iowa, asking the aid of Congress to improve the Rock Island and Des Moines rapids of the Mississippi.

The same having been read,

Mr. Cook moved that they be referred to the Committee on Commerce, and printed.

After debate,

Mr. Orr moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the motion of Mr. Cook was agreed to.

Mr. Orr moved that the vote by which the said motion was agreed to be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

This being the day set apart for the consideration of business of a public character reported, and to be reported, from the Committee on Naval Affairs,

Mr. Bocock, from the said committee, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 565) to provide a more efficient discipline for the navy, reported the same with amendments.

After debate, and pending the question on agreeing to the said amendments,

Mr. Millson moved further to amend the said bill, by inserting the word "charge," in the 8th line of the 7th section, the words "the force not to be carried into effect in a foreign country."

Following which,

Mr. Bocock moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the amendment of Mr. Millson, and the amendments reported from the Committee on Naval Affairs, were severally agreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Bocoock moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled a resolution of the following title, viz:

S. Res. 4. A resolution authorizing the President of the United States to confer the title of lieutenant general by brevet for eminent services; when

The Speaker signed the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Machen, their Chief Clerk:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 337. An act to regulate the salaries of the district judges of the United States;

H. R. 362. An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Joseph Savage, deceased—the former without, and the latter with an amendment, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have also passed bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 589. An act to establish a circuit court of the United States in and for the State of California;

S. 591. An act to remit or refund duties upon goods, wares, and merchandise destroyed by fire; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Bocoock, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 568) entitled "An act to promote the efficiency of the navy," reported the same with sundry amendments.

After debate, and pending the question on agreeing to the said amendments,

Mr. Ashe moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said amendments were severally agreed to, and the bill ordered to be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on its passage,

Mr. Bocoock moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 116.
Nays..... 46.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
Willis Allen
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
David J. Bailey

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Peter H. Bell
Henry Bennett

Mr. Samuel P. Benson
Thomas S. Bocoock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Robert M. Bugg
Davis Carpenter

Mr. Joseph R. Chandler
 Elijah W. Chastain
 James S. Chrisman
 Thomas L. Clingman
 John P. Cook
 Moses B. Corwin
 Samuel L. Crocker
 Thomas W. Cumming
 Francis B. Cutting
 Alexander De Witt
 Edward Dickinson
 James F. Dowdell
 William Dunbar
 J. Wiley Edmands
 Henry A. Edmundson
 Thomas D. Eliot
 William H. English
 Emerson Etheridge
 E. Wilder Farley
 Thomas T. Flagler
 Thomas B. Florence
 Thomas J. D. Fuller
 William O. Goode
 Frederick W. Green
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 Ben Edwards Grey
 Aaron Harlan
 Wiley P. Harris
 Solomon G. Haven
 Isaac E. Hiester
 Thomas M. Howe
 Charles Hughes
 Theodore G. Hunt

Mr. J. Glancy Jones
 John Kerr
 William H. Kurtz
 Alfred W. Lamb
 James H. Lane
 Samuel Lilly
 William D. Lindsley
 Caleb Lyon
 Moses Macdonald
 James A. McDougall
 John McNair
 John McQueen
 John B. Macy
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 Henry May
 Samuel Mayall
 John S. Millson
 George W. Morrison
 Andrew Oliver
 James L. Orr
 Asa Packer
 Samuel W. Parker
 Rufus W. Peckham
 Bishop Perkins
 John Perkins, jr.
 John S. Phelps
 Philip Phillips
 Paulus Powell
 William Preston
 Benjamin Pringle
 Richard C. Puryear
 Charles Ready
 David A. Reese

Mr. George Read Riddle
 David Ritchie
 John Robbins, jr.
 Sion H. Rogers
 Peter Rowe
 Thomas Ruffin
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 James L. Seward
 Jacob Shower
 George A. Simmons
 William Smith
 William R. Smith
 George W. Smyth
 Frederick P. Stanton
 John J. Taylor
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Michael C. Trout
 Charles W. Upham
 George Vail
 Hiram Walbridge
 William A. Walker
 Samuel H. Walley
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 Tappan Wentworth
 Theodorick R. Westbrook
 Daniel B. Wright
 Hendrick B. Wright
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Thomas H. Benton
 Samuel A. Bridges
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 Leander M. Cox
 Thomas Davis
 John L. Dawson
 Ben C. Eastman
 Norman Eddy
 Alfred P. Edgerton
 James Gamble
 Joshua R. Giddings
 Galusha A. Grow
 William T. Hamilton
 Andrew J. Harlan
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 George S. Houston

Mr. Daniel T. Jones
 George W. Jones
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 George W. Kittredge
 John Leather
 Charles S. Lewis
 James J. Lindley
 John McCulloch
 Daniel Mace
 James Maurice
 Ner Middleswarth
 Edwin B. Morgan
 William Murray
 Jesse O. Norton
 Mordecai Oliver

Mr. William R. Sapp
 Origen S. Seymour
 Henry M. Shaw
 Charles Skelton
 Augustus R. Sollers
 Hester L. Stevens
 Nathan T. Stratton
 Andrew Stuart
 William M. Tweed
 Edward Wade
 Mike Walsh
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 John Wheeler
 Richard Yates.

So the bill was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendments.

Mr. Bocock moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Bocock, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hamilton reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 743) to authorize the construction of seven steam sloop-of-war, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Bocock submitted the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the bill of the House (No. 743) to authorize the construction of seven steam sloops-of-war, shall cease in five minutes after its consideration is resumed, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Letcher, at 4 o'clock p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1855.

The following petitions and memorials were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Chandler : The memorial of citizens of the city of Philadelphia, for the purchase of a certain lot of ground upon which to erect a building for the accommodation of the courts of the United States and the post office.

By Mr. Packer : The memorial of citizens of the city of Philadelphia, of the same import as the foregoing.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the select committee upon the message of the President of the United States upon the subject of court-houses, post offices, &c.

By Mr. Ellison : The petition of citizens of Clermont county, in the State of Ohio, for the extension of the bounty-land and pension laws to the soldiers of the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Joseph Lane : The petition of Joseph Lane, in behalf of John Adair, collector of the customs at the port of Astoria, in the Territory of Oregon, for the settlement of his accounts upon the principles of equity, on account of the loss of his papers and vouchers by fire; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Trout : The petition of Martha W. McFadden, the mother of Patrick Alden Farrelly, a lieutenant in the army of the United States, for the bounty land to which her son would have been entitled had he lived until the passage of the act of September 28, 1850.

By Mr. Vansant : The petition of Edward Randolph Jones of Baltimore, for arrears of pension, on account of the loss of his right eye in the naval service.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Phillips : The petition of citizens of the district of St. Stephen's, in the State of Alabama, for the amendment of the law graduating the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Macdonald : The petition of Charles Waterman, for a confirmation of his title to certain lots in the city of Milwaukie, in the

State of Wisconsin; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Banks: The memorial of William Boyd, asking for legislation to exclude foreign paupers, convicts, &c., and protesting against the amendment of the naturalization laws as to other persons; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Walsh: The memorial of Peter C. Dumas, for compensation for the loss of his vessel, the American brig "Cyrus," captured at Cabinda, on the coast of Africa, by the British brig-of-war "Alert," in June, 1844.

By Mr. Thurston: The petition of citizens of the State of Rhode Island, for an appropriation of money for the purpose of removing the obstructions in the Pawcatuck river, in said State.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting abstracts of offers received for furnishing articles under the cognizance of the Bureau of Yards and Docks; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Fenton, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (No. 577) entitled "An act authorizing the issue of a register to the Russian-built ship 'Aina,'" was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Hunt, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill (H. R. 747) making an appropriation for military defences at Proctor's Landing, in Louisiana; which was read a first and second time.

The House having, by unanimous consent, proceeded to the consideration of the said bill,

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Hunt moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Florence, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Edmund L. Du Barry.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 60. An act authorizing the construction of a line of telegraph from the Mississippi or Missouri rivers to the Pacific ocean.

S. 148. An act for the relief of Zachariah Lawrence, of Ohio.

Mr. Murray, from the Committee on Printing, to whom it was referred to inquire into the expediency of printing extra copies of the Patent Office report, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That there be printed one hundred thousand extra copies of the agricultural part of the Patent Office report, with the plates, for the use of the members of the present House of Representatives, and ten thousand copies for the use of the Commissioner of Patents; and also fifty thousand extra copies of the mechanical part of said report, for the use of the said members, and ten thousand copies for the use of the said Commissioner.

Mr. Murray, from the same committee, to whom was referred a resolution of Mr. Bocock of the 25th ultimo, reported the following resolutions; which were read, considered, and, under the operation of the previous question, agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be requested to communicate to this House a copy of the report of Commodore M. C. Perry on the subject of the late expedition to Japan; and if said report shall not be completed before the expiration of the present session of Congress, then to deliver the same to the Clerk of the House during the recess.

Resolved, That ten thousand extra copies of the said report, together with the maps, charts, and drawings, be printed and bound, in the style of Lieutenant Gilliss's report, for the use of the members of the present House of Representatives, and five hundred additional copies for the use of the said Commodore M. C. Perry.

Mr. Murray moved that the vote by which the said resolutions were agreed to be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Murray,

Ordered, That the Committee on Printing be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution of Mr. Whitfield of the 26th of December last, in relation to the purchase of Captain Eastman's map of Nebraska and Kansas, and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Russell, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Mr. Chandler of the 9th instant, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That there be printed for the use of the Director of the Mint, five hundred extra copies of the message of the President of the United States communicating the annual report of said Director, in connexion with the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating a report on the fineness and value of foreign gold and silver coin.

Mr. Richard H. Stanton, from the same committee, reported the following resolution, viz:

Resolved. That there be printed, for the use of the House, ten thousand copies of the reports of surveys for a railroad to the Pacific, made under the direction of the Secretary of War, embracing the report of F. W. Lander, civil engineer, of a survey of a railroad route from Puget's sound, by Fort Hall and the Great Salt lake, to the Mississippi river, and the report of J. C. Fremont of a route for a railroad from the headwaters of the Arkansas river into the State of California, together with the maps and plates accompanying each of said reports necessary to illustrate them.

The same having been read,

Mr. Stanton moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered to be put.

Pending which,

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the resolution be laid on the table; which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put, Shall the resolution pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

So the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Richard H. Stanton moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Mordecai Oliver, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of William H. Russell, provided that copies of the same be left on file.

On motion of Mr. John Wentworth, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of William Wallace, for the purpose of reference to one of the executive departments.

The papers in the case were thereupon sent to the Commissioner of Pensions.

The House then resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. Bocock, and pending when the House adjourned, viz: to close debate on the bill of the House (H. R. 743) to authorize the construction of seven steam sloops-of-war.

Pending which,

Mr. Houston moved that it be laid on the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas 108
Nays 66

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss
William W. Boyce
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Burton Craige
William Cullom
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
Edward Dickinson
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmands
Thomas D. Eliot
William H. English

Mr. Emerson Etheridge
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
Joshua R. Giddings
Henry C. Goodwin
Alfred B. Greenwood
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Andrew J. Harlan
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Clement S. Hill
George S. Houston
Thomas M. Howe
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
Milton S. Latham
John Letcher
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindsley
John McCulloch

Mr. John McQueen
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Alex. C. M. Pennington
John S. Phelps
James T. Pratt
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
Thomas Ritchey
Peter Rowe
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp

Mr. James S. Seward
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
George A. Simmons
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
Augustus R. Sollers
Hector L. Stevens

Mr. Nathan T. Stratton
Andrew Stuart
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Andrew Tracy
Charles W. Upham

Mr. Edward Wade
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Elihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Richard Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Appleton
William S. Ashe
David J. Bailey
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Nathan Belcher
Thomas S. Bocock
Samuel A. Bridges
John S. Caskie
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
Elijah W. Chastain
Samuel L. Crocker
Francis B. Cutting
Alexander De Witt
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas B. Florence
William O. Goode
Frederick W. Green

Mr. Ben Edwards Grey
Wiley P. Harris
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
Charles Hughes
Colin M. Ingersoll
Roland Jones
John Kerr
George W. Kittredge
Samuel Lilly
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
John McNair
Augustus E. Maxwell
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
George W. Morrison
James L. Orr
Rufus W. Peckham
Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell
Charles Ready

Mr. George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
John Robbins, jr.
Sion H. Rogers
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
Origen S. Seymour
Jacob Shower
Charles Skelton
William Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
George Vail
Joshua Vansant
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler
Hendrick B. Wright
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the resolution was laid on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Machen, their Chief Clerk :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a resolution of the following title, viz :

S. 40. A resolution for the relief of Charles Pettit ;
in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have also passed, without amendment, bills and a joint resolution of this House of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 56. Joint resolution explanatory of the act giving compensation to Judges Woodbridge and Chipman ;

H. R. 542. An act making an appropriation for completing the public buildings of Oregon Territory and Minnesota ;

H. R. 543. An act for the construction of a military road in Oregon Territory ;

H. R. 588. An act to provide for the accommodation of the courts of the United States for the district of Maryland, and for a post office at Baltimore city, Maryland ;

H. R. 642. An act for the relief of Medford Caffey, of the State of Tennessee ;

H. R. 680. An act making appropriations for improving certain military roads in the Territory of Minnesota ;

H. R. 691. An act making an appropriation for a territorial road in the Territory of Nebraska ; and

H. R. 702. An act for the relief of William Hagerty.

The Senate have agreed to the amendments of this House to the bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz :

S. 60. An act authorizing the construction of a subterranean line of telegraph from the Mississippi or Missouri rivers to the Pacific ocean.

S. 148. An act for the relief of Zachariah Lawrence, of Ohio.

The Senate have disagreed to the amendments of this House to the bill of the Senate (No. 96) entitled "An act to provide for the payment of such creditors of the late republic of Texas as are comprehended in the act of Congress of September 9, 1850," ask a conference with the House on the said disagreeing votes, and have appointed Mr. Rusk, Mr. Stuart, and Mr. Foot the said committee on their part.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Hughes gave notice, under the rule, of his intention to move for leave to introduce a bill for the relief of the actual occupants of lands in California holding under locations of State warrants.

The House then resumed, as the regular order of business, the consideration of the joint resolution of the House (No. 47) to fulfil the stipulations of the 9th article of the treaty of 1819 between the United States and Spain, upon which the previous question was seconded, the pending question being on the motion of Mr. Orr to lay the same on the table.

Mr. Orr having withdrawn his said motion,

On motion of Mr. Orr, the vote by which the previous question was seconded was reconsidered.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton then withdrew his demand for the previous question, and moved that the joint resolution be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

After debate, and pending the question on the latter motion,

Mr. George W. Jones demanded the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the joint resolution be laid on the table.

And the question being put on the latter motion,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas 104
Nays 89

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
David J. Bailey
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Nathan Beller
Thomas H. Benton
William W. Boyce
Preston S. Brooks
John S. Caskie
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Leander M. Cox
Burton Craige
Carlton B. Curtis
John G. Davis

Mr. Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar
Alfred P. Edgerton
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
Charles J. Faulkner
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
Joshua R. Giddings
William O. Goode
Alfred B. Greenwood
William T. Hamilton
Sampson W. Harris
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks

Mr. Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
George S. Houston
Thomas M. Howe
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Roland Jones
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald
John McQueen
Ner Middleswarth
Smith Miller
John S. Milson

Mr. George W. Morrison
William Murray
David A. Noble
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker
Rafus W. Peckham
Bishop Perkins
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
Benjamin Pringle

Mr. Richard C. Puryear
David Ritchie
John Robbins, jr.
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
Russell Sage
James L. Seward
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Charles Skelton
William Smith
George W. Smyth
Nathan T. Stratton

Mr. Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
John J. Taylor
Andrew Tracy
William M. Tweed
George Vail
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
Mike Walsh
Ellihu B. Washburne
John Wheeler
Daniel B. Wright
Richard Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Willis Allen
Edward Ball
P. H. Bell
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Elijah W. Chastain
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Francis B. Cutting
David T. Disney
Cyrus L. Dunham
Ben C. Eastman
J. Wiley Edmands
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Eliot
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart

Mr. E. Wilder Farley
Henry C. Goodwin
Frederick W. Green
Ben Edwards Grey
Aaron Harlan
Andrew J. Harlan
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Clement S. Hill
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
John Kerr
James Knox
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindsley
James A. McDougall
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Samuel Mayall
Matthias H. Nichols
Jesse O. Norton
Alex. C. M. Pennington
William Preston

Mr. Charles Ready
David A. Reese
George Read Riddle
Thomas Ritchey
Sion H. Rogers
Peter Rowe
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
William R. Smith
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Charles W. Upham
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
Theodor R. Westbrook
Hendrick B. Wright
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the said joint resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered.

Pending which,

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton moved, at 3 o'clock and 15 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn.

Which motion was disagreed to.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. George W. Jones ;

And being put, it was decided in the negative.

So the House refused to reconsider the said vote.

Mr. Greep, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the 13th instant, present to the President of the United States bills and joint resolutions of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 411. An act for the relief of the heirs of Larkin Smith ;

H. R. 481. An act for the relief of William Parker ;

H. Res. 36. Joint resolution for the relief of Lieut. J. C. Carter ;

- H. R. 512. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Putnam;
- H. R. 487. An act for the relief of George J. Rallston;
- H. R. 521. An act for the relief of William Case;
- H. R. 486. An act for the relief of Sidney P. Pool;
- H. R. 484. An act for the relief of Polly Carver, widow and executrix of Nathan Carver, deceased;
- H. R. 479. An act for the relief of William Gove;
- H. R. 472. An act for the relief of Lincoln Bates;
- H. R. 460. An act for the relief of George Elliott;
- H. R. 456. An act for the relief of George Lynch;
- H. R. 455. An act for the relief of John Cole;
- H. R. 452. An act for the relief of Eleanor Hoople, of the Province of Canada;
- H. R. 449. An act granting bounty land to Cornelius Coffey;
- H. R. 285. An act to divide the State of Illinois into two judicial districts;
- H. R. 395. An act for the relief of Abraham Ausman;
- H. R. 378. An act for the relief of John Brown, second, of New Hampshire;
- H. R. 377. An act for the relief of John H. Hicks, of Indiana;
- H. R. 374. An act to provide a pension for Edmund Mitchell, of Carroll county, in the State of Kentucky;
- H. R. 373. An act to provide a pension for Oliver Brown, of Che-mung county, New York;
- H. R. 371. An act for the relief of Lieutenant George H. Paige, of the United States army;
- H. R. 361. An act for the relief of the widow and children of Ezra Chapman, deceased;
- S. 604. An act to change the name of the schooner Henry Plantagenet to that of A. G. Brown;
- H. R. 320. An act for the relief of William Wallace, of the State of Illinois;
- H. R. 319. An act for the relief of Samuel McKnight, of the State of Kentucky;
- H. R. 196. An act for the relief of Gilbert C. Russell;
- S. 587. An act to continue, temporarily, the offices of register and receiver at Vincennes, Indiana; and
- S. Res. 4. A resolution authorizing the President of the United States to confer the title of lieutenant general by brevet, for eminent services.
- Mr. Houston moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- Pending which,
- On motion of Mr. Seward, at 3 o'clock and 17 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, 12 o'clock m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1855.

The following petitions and memorials were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Ashe: The petition of Maria C. Bell, widow of Captain R. H. Bell, late of the United States army, for arrears of pension.

By Mr. Lewis: The petition of Michael Thorn, for an invalid pension and bounty land, on account of services in the war of 1812.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Ingersoll: The memorial of Franklin Kellsey, for an appropriation to test his invention for laying cordage, and the manufacture of the same; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Andrew Oliver: The petition of citizens of Ontario county, in the State of New York, for one hundred and sixty acres of bounty land, and to extend the pension laws to the soldiers of the war of 1812.

By Mr. Willis Allen: The petition of citizens of Pope and Hardin counties, in the State of Illinois, for the reduction of the price of the reserved lands in said counties.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Dawson: The petition of citizens of the State of Missouri, for the refunding of expenses incurred by Jervis M. Baker, in defending a malicious suit for treason against the government of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Andrew Oliver: The petition of citizens of Ontario county, in the State of New York, against the renewal of the patent of Cyrus H. McCormick; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. May: The petition of Lawrence Thomson, for the refunding of duties illegally assessed on liquors imported by him into the ports of New York and Baltimore, in the years 1849, 1850, and 1851; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Banks: The petition of citizens of Reading, in the State of Massachusetts, for the repeal of all duties on coal imported into the United States; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Ingersoll: The petition of Catharine C. White, widow of Heman White, praying for the payment of the value of a wagon and harness destroyed while in the service of the United States, in 1836, during the war with the Creek Indians; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Robbins: Five memorials of citizens of the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, recommending a site for the building to be erected for the accommodation of the courts of the United States, and the post office of the city of Philadelphia; which were referred to the select committee on the message of the President of the United States on the subject of court-houses and post offices in the cities of Philadelphia, New York, and Boston.

On motion of Mr. Breckinridge, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (No. 96) entitled "An act to provide for the payment of such creditors of the late republic of Texas as are comprehended in the act of Congress of September 9, 1850," with the amendments of the House thereto, was taken up.

Ordered, That the House insist upon their said amendments, agree

to the conference asked by the Senate upon the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and that Mr. Breckinridge, Mr. Howe, and Mr. George W. Jones be the said committee on the part of the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker having announced, as the business first in order, the bill of the House (No. 102) entitled "An act granting lands equally to the several States to aid in the construction of railroads and for the support of schools," the pending question being on the amendment of Mr. John Perkins, jr., to the amendment of Mr. Bennett to the said bill,

Mr. Hamilton moved that the bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and also moved the previous question.

Pending which,

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary, notifying the House that he did, on the 13th instant, approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 411. An act for the relief of the heirs of Larkin Smith;

H. R. 361. An act for the relief of the widow and children of Ezra Chapman, deceased;

H. R. 499. An act to refund to the officers of the customs and others, of the district of Passamaquoddy, certain moneys;

H. R. 285. An act to divide the State of Illinois into two judicial districts;

H. R. 472. An act for the relief of Lincoln Bates;

H. R. 456. An act for the relief of George Lynch;

H. R. 449. An act granting bounty land to Cornelius Coffey;

H. R. 385. An act for the relief of Abraham Ausman;

H. R. 455. An act for the relief of John Cole;

H. R. 460. An act for the relief of George Elliott;

H. R. 484. An act for the relief of Polly Carver, widow and executrix of Nathan Carver, deceased;

H. R. 479. An act for the relief of William Gove;

H. R. 481. An act for the relief of William Parker;

H. R. 486. An act for the relief of Sidney P. Pool;

H. R. 452. An act for the relief of Eleanor Hoople, of the Province of Canada;

H. R. 521. An act for the relief of William Case;

H. R. 512. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Putnam;

H. Res. 36. Joint resolution for the relief of Lieutenant J. C. Carter;

H. R. 378. An act for the relief of John Brown, second, of New Hampshire;

H. R. 196. An act for the relief of Gilbert C. Russell;

H. R. 320. An act for the relief of William Wallace, of the State of Illinois;

H. R. 319. An act for the relief of Samuel McKnight, of the State of Kentucky;

H. R. 374. An act to provide a pension for Edmund Mitchell, of Carroll county, in the State of Kentucky;

H. R. 377. An act for the relief of John H. Hicks, of Indiana ;

H. R. 371. An act for the relief of Lieutenant George H. Paige, of the United States army ;

H. R. 373. An act to provide a pension for Oliver Brown, of Chemung county, New York ; and

H. R. 487. An act for the relief of George J. Rallston.

Notices were given, under the rule, of motions for leave to introduce bills as follows, viz :

By Mr. Lamb : A bill to authorize the issuing of patents for certain lands in Missouri.

By Mr. Goodwin : A bill to prohibit slavery or involuntary servitude (except as a punishment for crimes) in the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska, and forbidding its introduction or establishment in any Territory of the United States.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate insist on their amendment, disagreed to by the House, to the bill of the House (No. 9) for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands, ask a conference with the House on the said disagreeing votes, and have appointed Mr. Stuart, Mr. Slidell, and Mr. Douglas the said committee on their part.

The Senate have passed, without amendment, bills of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 477. An act for the erection of a military post on or near the Pembina river, in the Territory of Minnesota, and for other purposes ; and

H. R. 612. An act to establish an additional land district in the Territory of Oregon.

The Senate have also passed bills of the following titles, viz :

S. 286. An act to provide for holding an additional term of the circuit court of the United States for the district of Missouri, and for holding special terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States for the northern district of Ohio ;

S. 663. An act for the relief of the families of the officers and crew of the United States schooner Sea Gull ;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Haven, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union ; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edgerton reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 595) making appropriations for the transportation of the United States mail by ocean steamers and otherwise, during the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1856, had come to no resolution thereon.

On motion of Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the House insist upon their disagreement to the amendment of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 9) entitled "An act for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands," and agree to the appointment of a committee of conference on the said disagreeing votes.

The Speaker thereupon appointed Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne, Mr.

Letcher, and Mr. Dawson, the said committee on the part of the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Cutting submitted the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the bill of the House (No. 596) making appropriations for the transportation of the United States mail by ocean steamers and otherwise, during the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1856, shall cease in two hours after the committee shall resume its consideration, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Tweed, at 4 o'clock p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1855.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit :

By Mr. Macy: Two petitions of citizens of Waupaca county, in the State of Wisconsin, for the establishment of a mail-route from Waupaca to section twenty-two, in township twenty-three north, range eleven east ; which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Dawson: The petition of citizens of Greene county, in the State of Pennsylvania, for the establishment of a mail-route from Waynesburg, via Jefferson, Carmichael's, Mapletown, Greensboro', Dunkard, Davistown, Willow Tree, and Whitely, to Waynesburg.

By Mr. Lindley: The petition of citizens of Adair county, in the State of Missouri, for the establishment of a mail route from Memphis, in Scotland county, to Witmothville, in Adair county, to Kirkville ;

Also, the petition of citizens of Lewis county, in the State of Missouri, for the establishment of a mail-route from Canton to Marceline, in the State of Illinois.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Samuel A. Smith: The petition of Jane Linder, widow of John Linder, for a pension, on account of the services of her husband in the revolutionary war ; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Joseph Lane: The petition of Jason Wheeler, for a pension on account of wounds received in the Cayuse Indian war.

By Mr. Macy: The joint resolutions of the legislature of the State of Wisconsin, in favor of extending the bounty-land and pension laws to the sailors, soldiers, and marines of the war of 1812, and their widows.

By Mr. Andrew Stuart: Additional papers in the application of Ellen Browning, widow of Learight Browning, for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions and papers be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Chandler : The memorial of merchants of the city of Philadelphia, in the state of Pennsylvania, for an amendment of the bonded warehouse law ; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. English : The resolutions of the legislature of the State of Indiana, against the renewal of the patents of C. H. McCormick, Obed Hussey, and Moore & Hascall ; which were referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Morgan : The petition of citizens of Wayne county, in the State of New York, for the remission of the duties on the products of the British provinces imported into the United States since the ratification of the treaty commonly known as the "reciprocity treaty;" which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Robbins : The memorial of the citizens of the city of Philadelphia, recommending a site for the building to be erected for the accommodation of the courts of the United States and the post office of the city.

By Mr. Florence : Nine memorials of citizens of the city of Philadelphia, for an appropriation for the purchase of a site for the erection of the building for the accommodation of the courts of the United States and post office.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the select committee on the message of the President of the United States on the subject of court-houses and post offices in the cities of Philadelphia, New York, and Boston.

By Mr. Boyd : The petition of James Sutton, for a grant of a half section of the public lands, or an extension of his right of pre-emption to the land already located upon by him until 1860.

By Mr. Greenwood : The joint resolutions of the legislature of the State of Arkansas, for a donation of the public lands to aid in the construction of the border railroad.

By Mr. Greenwood : The petition of William Chancy, for a grant of land to aid him in the manufacture of iron in the State of Arkansas.

By Mr. Walbridge : The memorial of citizens of the city of New York, in favor of the passage of the homestead bill, (H. R. 37.)

By Mr. Lindley : Two petitions of citizens of Adair county, for a grant of land to aid in the construction of the North Missouri railroad ;

Also, nine petitions of citizens of Audrain, Macon, Boone, Calloway, and Schuyler counties, for a grant of land to aid in the construction of the "North Missouri railroad," from St. Louis to the southern boundary of Iowa.

Ordered, That the said memorials, petitions, and resolutions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Walbridge : The memorial of John S. Gilbert and Zeno Secor, asking to be discharged from any further liability on account of the contract for building the balance dock, basin, and railway at Pensacola, in the State of Florida, and that they be refunded the extra expense to which they have been subjected ; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Walbridge : The reply of Gilbert and Secor to the report of

the commission who witnessed the partial test of the balance dock, basin, and railway constructed by them at the navy yard in Pensacola, in the State of Florida; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Benton, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (No. 286) entitled "An act to provide for holding an additional term of the circuit court of the United States for the district of Missouri, and for holding special terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States for the northern district of Ohio," was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

Pending the question on its third reading,

Mr. Haven moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the bill was ordered to be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 337. An act to regulate the salaries of the district judges of the United States.

H. R. 691. An act making an appropriation for a Territorial road in the Territory of Nebraska.

H. R. 702. An act for the relief of William Hagerty.

H. R. 542. An act making an appropriation for completing the public buildings of Oregon Territory and Minnesota.

H. R. 588. An act to provide for the accommodation of the courts of the United States for the district of Maryland, and for a post office at Baltimore city, Maryland.

H. R. 543. An act for the construction of a military road in Oregon Territory.

H. R. 680. An act making appropriations for improving certain military roads in the Territory of Minnesota.

H. R. 642. An act for the relief of Medford Caffey, of the State of Tennessee.

H. Res. 56. Joint resolution explanatory of the act giving compensation to Judges Woodbridge and Chipman.

H. R. 612. An act to establish an additional land district in the Territory of Oregon.

H. R. 477. An act for the erection of a military post on or near the Pembina river, in the Territory of Minnesota, and for other purposes. When,

The Speaker signed the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill of the following title, viz:

S. 513. An act to fix the salaries of the justices of the Supreme Court of the United States; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have also passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 609. An act for the relief of Henry H. Marsh; and

H. R. 555. An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1856—

the former without, and the latter with amendments; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did, on the 10th instant, approve and sign a bill of the following title, viz:

S. 47. An act to divide the State of Ohio into two judicial districts, and to provide for holding the district and circuit courts of the United States therein.

And, on the 14th instant, bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 142. An act for the relief of Don B. Juan Domercq, a Spanish subject.

S. 67. An act to amend an act making appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors and rivers, approved August 30, 1852.

And, on the 13th instant, bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 604. An act to change the name of the schooner "Henry Plantagenet," to that of "A. G. Brown."

S. 587. An act to continue temporarily the offices of register and receiver at Vincennes.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the bill of the House No. 555, (Indian appropriations,) with the amendments of the Senate thereto, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House having proceeded to the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Cutting, and pending when the House adjourned yesterday, to close debate in two hours on the bill of the House (No. 595) making appropriations for the transportation of the United States mail by ocean steamers and otherwise, during the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1856,

Mr. Haven moved to amend the same, by striking out "two hours," and inserting "*one hour*" in lieu thereof.

Pending which,

Mr. Haven moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said amendment was agreed to.

Pending the question on agreeing to the resolution as amended,

Mr. Orr moved that the vote by which the said amendment was agreed to be reconsidered.

Pending which,

Mr. Tappan Wentworth moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

And the question being put on the last motion,

It was decided in the affirmative,	{	Yeas	107
		Nays	58

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. Willis Allen	Mr. Thomas B. Florence	Mr. Rufus W. Peckham
William Appleton	Joshua R. Giddings	Alex. C. M. Pennington
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.	Henry C. Goodwin	Benjamin Pringle
Nathan Belcher	Frederick W. Green	Richard C. Puryear
Henry Bennett	Ben Edwards Grey	David Ritchie
Samuel P. Benson	Galusha A. Grow	Thomas Ritchey
Francis M. Bristow	Aaron Harlan	Sion H. Rogers
Robert M. Bugg	Andrew J. Harlan	Peter Rowe
Lewis D. Campbell	George Hastings	Samuel L. Russell
Davis Carpenter	Solomon G. Haven	Alvah Sabin
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain	Bernhart Henn	Russell Sage
Joseph R. Chandler	Isaac E. Hiester	William R. Sapp
George W. Chase	Clement S. Hill	Wilson Shannon
Elijah W. Chastain	Thomas M. Howe	Jacob Shower
Samuel Clark	Charles Hughes	George A. Simmons
Thomas L. Clingman	Theodore G. Hunt	Samuel A. Smith
Williamson R. W. Cobb	Daniel T. Jones	William R. Smith
John P. Cook	George W. Jones	Augustus R. Sollers
Moses B. Corwin	J. Glancy Jones	Frederick P. Stanton
Samuel L. Crocker	James Knox	Richard H. Stanton
William Cullom	William H. Kurtz	Hester L. Stevens
Francis B. Cutting	James H. Lane	John L. Taylor
John G. Davis	Caleb Lyon	Isaac Teller
Thomas Davis	Moses Macdonald	Benjamin B. Thurston
John L. Dawson	Orsamus B. Matteson	Michael C. Trout
Edward Dickinson	James Maurice	Charles W. Upham
William Dunbar	Samuel Mayall	Edward Wade
Ben C. Eastman	James Meacham	Hiram Walbridge
Alfred P. Edgerton	John S. Millson	Samuel H. Walley
J. Wiley Edmonds	Edwin B. Morgan	Edward A. Warren
Thomas D. Eliot	George W. Morrison	Elihu B. Washburne
Emerson Etheridge	Jesse O. Norton	Daniel Wells, jr.
E. Wilder Farley	Edson B. Olds	John Wentworth
Charles J. Faulkner	Andrew Oliver	Tappan Wentworth
Reuben E. Fenton	Mordecai Oliver	John Wheeler.
Thomas T. Flagler	Jared V. Peck	

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William S. Barry	Mr. Harvey H. Johnson	Mr. John S. Phelps
Thomas H. Benton	Roland Jones	Philip Phillips
John C. Breckinridge	George W. Kittredge	Paulus Powell
Samuel A. Bridges	Alfred W. Lamb	William Preston
Preston S. Brooks	Milton S. Latham	Charles Ready
John S. Caskie	John Letcher	John Robbins, jr.
James S. Chrisman	Charles S. Lewis	Thomas Ruffin
Leander M. Cox	Samuel Lilly	Origen S. Seymour
Burton Craige	William D. Lindale	Henry M. Shaw
James F. Dowdell	John McNair	Charles Skelton
Norman Eddy	John McQueen	George W. Smyth
Henry A. Edmundson	Ner Middlewarth	Nathan T. Stratton
Andrew Ellison	Smith Miller	Christian M. Straub
William H. English	William Murray	Andrew Stuart
Thomas J. D. Fuller	Matthias H. Nichols	John J. Taylor
William O. Goode	David A. Noble	Andrew Tracy
Alfred B. Greenwood	James L. Orr	Joshua Vansant
William T. Hamilton	Asa Packer	Richard Yates
Thomas A. Hendricks	Samuel W. Parker	Felix K. Zollicoffer.
Harry Hibbard		

So the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.
The question then recurred on the resolution as amended;
And being put, it was decided in the affirmative.

So it was resolved that all debate shall cease in one hour, &c.

Mr. Haven moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pending which,

Mr. Edgerton moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House; which motion was disagreed to.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. Haven;

And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Edgerton reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 595) making appropriations for the transportation of the United States mail, by ocean steamers and otherwise, during the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1856, had directed him to report the same with sundry amendments.

Pending the question on agreeing to the said amendments,

Mr. Breckinridge moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered to be put.

And then,

On motion of Mr. William Smith, at 4 o'clock and 37 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1855.

The following petitions and memorial were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Edmundson: The petition of citizens of the State of Virginia, for a mail-route in said State; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Grey: The petition of Alex. H. Triplett, for certain amendments to the pension laws; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Caruthers: The memorial of the general assembly of the State of Missouri, asking for a township of land for school purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Boyd: The petition of citizens of the State of Kentucky, to authorize by law the appointment of inspectors of boilers and hulls of steamboats at that place; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Cobb: The petition of Mrs. Mary B. Renner, for compensation for property destroyed by the British in the year 1814; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Mordecai Oliver: The petition of citizens of the State of Missouri, that the objects of the Smithsonian Institution be more practically carried out by the publication of monthly popular periodicals on scientific subjects and upon social and political reform, and that said publication be distributed to every school township in the United

States; which was referred to the select committee in relation to the Smithsonian Institution.

By Mr. Robbins: The petition of citizens of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, for an appropriation for the erection of building for post office, court-house, &c., in said city.

By Mr. Chandler: The petition of the same, of like import with the foregoing.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the select committee on the message of the President of the United States on the subject of court-houses and post offices in the cities of Philadelphia, New York, and Boston.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 588. An act to provide for the accommodation of the courts of the United States for the district of Maryland, and for a post office at Baltimore city, Maryland.

S. 60. An act authorizing the construction of a line of telegraph from the Mississippi or Missouri rivers to the Pacific ocean.

S. 148. An act for the relief of Zachariah Lawrence, of Ohio.

H. R. 642. An act for the relief of Medford Caffey, of the State of Tennessee.

H. Res. 56. Joint resolution explanatory of the act giving compensation to Judges Woodbridge and Chipman.

H. R. 680. An act making appropriations for improving certain military roads in the Territory of Minnesota.

H. R. 543. An act for the construction of a military road in Oregon Territory.

H. R. 542. An act making an appropriation for completing the public buildings of Oregon Territory and Minnesota.

H. R. 702. An act for the relief of William Hagerty.

H. R. 337. An act to regulate the salaries of the district judges of the United States.

H. R. 691. An act making an appropriation for a territorial road in the Territory of Nebraska.

H. R. 612. An act to establish an additional land district in the Territory of Oregon.

H. R. 477. An act for the erection of a military post on or near the Pembina river, in the Territory of Minnesota, and for other purposes.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting two hundred and fifty copies of the official Army Register for 1855; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. May, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the select committee on the Washington National Monument, appointed at the last session, be revived.

Mr. May, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill, (H. R. 748) supplemental to the act entitled "An act to regulate the fees and costs to be allowed clerks, marshals, and attorneys of the circuit and district courts of the United States, and for other purposes," approved February 26, 1853; which was read a first

and second time, recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hughes, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 749) for the relief of the actual occupants of lands in California, holding under locations of State warrants; which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. May, by unanimous consent, bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

S. 436. An act for the improvement of the navigation of the Patapsco river, and to render the port of Baltimore accessible to the war steamers of the United States; and

S. 633. An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Gerard Wood, deceased—
were severally read a first and second time, and referred as follows, viz:

S. 436, to the Committee on Commerce;

S. 633, to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

The House then resumed the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 595) making appropriations for the transportation of the United States mail by ocean steamers and otherwise, during the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1856, upon which the main question was ordered to be put; the pending question being on the amendments reported thereto from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the vote by which the main question was ordered to be put be reconsidered.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 51
Nays 114

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
David J. Bailey
William S. Barry
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Preston S. Brooks
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Burton Craige
James F. Dowdell
Norman Eddy
Henry A. Edmundson
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge

Mr. Thomas J. D. Fuller
William O. Goode
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Sampson W. Harris
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
Harvey H. Johnson
Lawrence M. Keitt
Alfred W. Lamb
John Letcher
Samuel Lilly

Mr. William D. Lindaley
John McQueen
John S. Millson
George W. Morrison
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell
James T. Pratt
Thomas Rufin
Samuel L. Russell
Henry M. Shaw
Charles Skelton
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
Joshua Vansant.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Willis Allen
Thomas H. Bayly
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.

Mr. Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss

Mr. Thomas S. Bocoock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Lewis D. Campbell

Mr. Davis Carpenter
 Samuel Caruthers
 John S. Caskie
 Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
 Joseph R. Chandler
 George W. Chase
 Samuel Clark
 John P. Cook
 Moses B. Corwin
 Leander M. Cox
 Samuel L. Crocker
 William Cullom
 Carlton B. Curtis
 Francis B. Cutting
 John G. Davis
 Thomas Davis
 John L. Dawson
 Alexander De Witt
 Edward Dickinson
 David T. Disney
 Augustus Drum
 William Dunbar
 Ben C. Eastman
 Alfred P. Edgerton
 J. Wiley Edmands
 Thomas D. Eliot
 William Everhart
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Reuben E. Fenton
 Thomas T. Flagler
 James Gamble
 Joshua R. Giddings
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Frederick W. Green

Mr. Andrew J. Harlan
 George Hastings
 Clement S. Hill
 Thomas M. Howe
 Charles Hughes
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Daniel T. Jones
 George W. Jones
 John Kerr
 George W. Kittredge
 James Knox
 William H. Kurtz
 James H. Lane
 Milton S. Latham
 Caleb Lyon
 Moses Macdonald
 James A. McDougall
 John B. Macy
 Orsamus B. Matteson
 James Maurice
 Samuel Mayall
 James Meacham
 Ner Middleswarth
 Edwin B. Morgan
 William Murray
 Matthias H. Nichols
 Jesse O. Norton
 Edson B. Olds
 Andrew Oliver
 Mordecai Oliver
 Samuel W. Parker
 Jared V. Peck
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 John Perkins, jr.

Mr. William Preston
 Charles Ready
 David Ritchie
 Peter Rowe
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 William B. Sapp
 Origen S. Seymour
 Jacob Shower
 George A. Simmons
 Otho R. Singleton
 Augustus R. Sollers
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Richard H. Stanton
 Hester L. Stevens
 Nathan T. Stratton
 David Stuart
 John J. Taylor
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Michael C. Trout
 Charles W. Upham
 Hiram Walbridge
 Samuel H. Walley
 Edward A. Warren
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 John Wentworth
 Tappan Wentworth
 Theodorie R. Westbrook
 John Wheeler.

So the motion to reconsider was disagreed to.

The first amendment was then read as follows, viz :

"For the transportation of the mails from New York to Liverpool, and back, \$858,000 ; and that the proviso contained in the first section of an act entitled ' An act to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1852,' approved the 21st day of July, 1852, be, and the same is hereby, repealed : Provided, That Edward K. Collins and his associates shall proceed, with all due diligence, to build another steamship, in accordance with the terms of their contract, and have the same ready for the mail service in two years from and after the passage of this act ; and if the said steamship is not ready within the time above mentioned, by reason of any neglect or want of diligence on their part, then the said Edward K. Collins and his associates shall carry the United States mails between New York and Liverpool, from the expiration of the said two years, every fortnight, free of any charge to the government, until the new steamship shall have commenced the said mail service."

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto ?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 100
 { Nays..... 84

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. Willis Allen
 William Appleton
 Thomas H. Bayly

Mr. Edward Ball
 Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
 Nathan Belcher

Mr. Peter H. Bell
 Henry Bennett
 Samuel P. Benson

Mr. George Bliss	Mr. George Hastings	Mr. Peter Rowe
Lewis D. Campbell	Isaac E. Hiester	Alvah Sabin
Davis Carpenter	Clement S. Hill	Russell Sage
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain	Thomas M. Howe	William R. Sapp
Joseph R. Chandler	Charles Hughes	James L. Seward
George W. Chase	Theodore G. Hunt	Jacob Shower
Samuel Clark	Daniel T. Jones	George A. Simmons
Thomas L. Clingman	J. Glancy Jones	Augustus R. Sollers
John P. Cook	John Kerr	Frederick P. Stanton
Moses B. Corwin	James Knox	Richard H. Stanton
Samuel L. Crocker	William H. Kurtz	Hester L. Stevens
William Cullom	James H. Lane	David Stuart
Carlton B. Curtis	Milton S. Latham	John L. Taylor
Francis B. Cutting	Caleb Lyon	Nathaniel G. Taylor
Thomas Davis	John McCulloch	Isaac Teller
Alexander De Witt	Moses Macdonald	Benjamin B. Thurston
Edward Dickinson	James A. McDougall	Michael C. Trout
David T. Disney	John B. Macy	William M. Tweed
Augustus Drum	Orasmus B. Matteson	Charles W. Upham
William Dunbar	James Maurice	Edward Wade
Ben C. Eastman	Samuel Mayall	Hiram Walbridge
Alfred P. Edgerton	James Meacham	Samuel H. Walley
J. Wiley Edmunds	Ner Middleswarth	Edward A. Warren
Thomas D. Eliot	Edwin B. Morgan	Ellihu B. Washburne
William Everhart	Jesse O. Norton	Israel Washburn, jr.
Reuben E. Fenton	Edson B. Olds	Daniel Wells, jr.
Thomas T. Flagler	Andrew Oliver	John Wentworth
James Gamble	Jared V. Peck	Tappan Wentworth
Henry C. Goodwin	Alex. C. M. Pennington	Theodore R. Westbrook
Frederick W. Green	David Ritchie	John Wheeler.
Andrew J. Harlan		

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken	Mr. Joshua R. Giddings	Mr. Matthias H. Nichols
David J. Bailey	William O. Goode	Mordecai Oliver
William Barksdale	Alfred B. Greenwood	James L. Orr
William S. Barry	Ben Edwards Grey	Asa Packer
Thomas H. Benton	Galusha A. Grow	Samuel W. Parker
Thomas S. Bocock	William T. Hamilton	John Perkins, jr.
William W. Boyce	Aaron Harlan	John S. Phelps
John C. Breckinridge	Sampson W. Harris	Philip Phillips
Samuel A. Bridges	Wiley P. Harris	Paulus Powell
Francis M. Bristow	Solomon G. Haven	James T. Pratt
Preston S. Brooks	Thomas A. Hendricks	Benjamin Pringle
Samuel Caruthers	Bernhart Henn	Charles Ready
John S. Caskie	Harry Hibbard	John Robbins, jr.
Eljah W. Chastain	Harvey H. Johnson	Thomas Ruffin
James S. Chrisman	George W. Jones	Samuel L. Russell
Williamson R. W. Cobb	Roland Jones	Origen S. Seymour
Leander M. Cox	Lawrence M. Keitt	Henry M. Shaw
Burton Craige	George W. Kittredge	Otho R. Singleton
John G. Davis	Alfred W. Lamb	Charles Skelton
John L. Dawson	John Letcher	Samuel A. Smith
James F. Dowdell	Samuel Lilly	William R. Smith
Cyrus L. Dunham	William D. Lindale	George W. Smyth
Norman Eddy	John McQueen	Nathan T. Stratton
Henry A. Edmundson	Henry May	Christian M. Straub
John M. Elliott	Smith Miller	Andrew Stuart
Andrew Ellison	John S. Millson	John J. Taylor
Emerson Etheridge	George W. Morrison	Andrew Tracy
Charles J. Faulkner	William Murray	Joshua Vansant.

So the *first* amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Israel Washburn, jr., moved that the vote last taken be recon-

sidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

And the question being put on the latter motion,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas. 103
Nays 77

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. Willis Allen
William Appleton
Thomas H. Bayly
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Nathan Belcher
Peter H. Bell
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss
Francis M. Bristow
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis
Francis B. Cutting
Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
Augustus Drum
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmonds
Thomas D. Elliot
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart

Mr. Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Flagler
James Gamble
Henry C. Goodwin
Frederick W. Green
Andrew J. Harlan
George Hastings
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Daniel T. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
John Kerr
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
Caleb Lyon
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
Andrew Oliver
Jared V. Peck

Mr. Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
David Ritchie
Peter Rowe
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hester L. Stevens
David Stuart
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Elihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodore R. Westbrook
John Wheeler
William H. Witte.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken
David J. Bailey
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Thomas H. Benton
Thomas S. Bocoek
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Preston S. Brooks
Samuel Caruthers
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
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Leander M. Cox
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Thomas W. Cumming
John G. Davis

Mr. John L. Dawson
James F. Dowdell
Norman Eddy
Henry A. Edmundson
Andrew Ellison
Charles J. Faulkner
William O. Goode
Ben Edwards Grey
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Sampson W. Harris
Wiley P. Harris
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Harvey H. Johnson

Mr. George W. Jones
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
George W. Kittredge
Alfred W. Lamb
John Letcher
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindaley
John McQueen
Henry May
Smith Miller
John S. Millsen
George W. Morrison
William Murray
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker

Mr. John Perkins, jr.	Mr. John Robbins, jr.	Mr. Christian M. Straub
John S. Phelps	Thomas Ruffin	Andrew Stuart
Philip Phillips	Samuel L. Russell	John J. Taylor
Paulus Powell	Origen S. Seymour	Andrew Tracy
James T. Pratt	Henry M. Shaw	Joshua Vansant
William Preston	Otho R. Singleton	Daniel B. Wright
Charles Ready	George W. Smyth	Hendrick B. Wright.
William A. Richardson	Nathan T. Stratton	

So the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The *second* amendment was then read and agreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

The question was then put, Shall the bill pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas 99
Nays 82

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. Willis Allen	Mr. James Gamble	Mr. Alex. C. M. Pennington
William Appleton	Henry C. Goodwin	David Ritchie
Thomas H. Bayly	Frederick W. Green	Peter Rowe
Edward Ball	Andrew J. Harlan	Alvah Sabin
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.	George Hastings	Russell Sage
Nathan Belcher	Isaac E. Hiestor	William R. Sapp
P. H. Bell	Clement S. Hill	James L. Seward
Henry Bennett	Thomas M. Howe	Jacob Shower
Samuel P. Benson	Charles Hughes	George A. Simmons
Lewis D. Campbell	Theodore G. Hunt	Augustus R. Sollers
Davis Carpenter	Daniel T. Jones	Frederick P. Stanton
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain	J. Glancy Jones	Richard H. Stanton
Joseph R. Chandler	John Kerr	Hector L. Stevens
George W. Chase	James Knox	David Stuart
Samuel Clark	William H. Kurtz	John L. Taylor
Thomas L. Clingman	James H. Lane	Nathaniel G. Taylor
John P. Cook	Milton S. Latham	Isaac Teller
Moses B. Corwin	Caleb Lyon	Benjamin B. Thurston
Samuel L. Crocker	John McCulloch	Michael C. Trout
William Cullom	Moses Macdonald	William M. Tweed
Thomas Davis	James A. McDougall	Charles W. Upham
Alexander De Witt	John B. Macy	Edward Wade
Edward Dickinson	Orsamus B. Matteson	Hiram Walbridge
David T. Disney	James Maurice	Samuel H. Walley
Augustus Drum	Samuel Mayall	Edward A. Warren
William Dunbar	James Meacham	Ellihu B. Washburne
Ben C. Eastman	Ner Middleswarth	Israel Washburn, jr.
Alfred P. Edgerton	Edwin B. Morgan	Daniel Wells, jr.
J. Wiley Edmands	Jesse O. Norton	John Wentworth
Thomas D. Eliot	Edson B. Olds	Tappan Wentworth
William Everhart	Andrew Oliver	Theodoric R. Westbrook
Reuben E. Fenton	Jared V. Peck	John Wheeler
Thomas T. Flagler	Rufus W. Peckham	William H. Witte.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken	Mr. Samuel Caruthers	Mr. James F. Dowdell
David J. Bailey	John S. Caskie	Norman Eddy
William Barksdale	Elijah W. Chastain	Henry A. Edmundson
William S. Barry	James S. Chrisman	John M. Elliott
Thomas H. Benton	Williamson R. W. Cobb	Andrew Ellison
Thomas S. Bocock	Leander M. Cox	William H. English
William W. Boyce	Burton Craige	Emerson Etheridge
John C. Breckenridge	Thomas W. Cumming	Charles J. Faulkner
Samuel A. Bridges	John G. Davis	Joshua R. Giddings
Preston S. Brooks	John L. Dawson	William O. Goode

Mr. Ben Edwards Grey
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Sampson W. Harris
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Harvey H. Johnson
George W. Jones
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
George W. Kittredge
Alfred W. Lamb
John Letcher
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindale

Mr. John McQueen
Henry May
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
George W. Morrison
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell
James T. Pratt
Benjamin Pringle

Mr. Charles Ready
William A. Richardson
John Robbins, jr.
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
Origen S. Seymour
Henry M. Shaw
Otho R. Singleton
Charles Skelton
George W. Smyth
Nathan T. Stratton
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
John J. Taylor
Andrew Tracy
Joshua Vansant
Daniel B. Wright

So the bill was passed.

Mr. Olds moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

The title of the bill having been read,

Mr. Breckinridge moved to amend the same by striking out all after the word "fiscal," and inserting in lieu thereof the following, viz: "*years ending the 30th of June, 1855, and the 30th of June, 1856;*" which motion was agreed to.

The title, as amended, was then agreed to.

Mr. Olds moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a resolution and bills of the following titles, viz:

S. Res. 10. A resolution explanatory of an act entitled "An act for the relief of Abigail Stafford;"

S. 264. An act for the relief of Francisco Lope Urriza;

S. 367. An act to extend a patent heretofore granted to John Shly, of the State of Georgia;

S. 593. An act directing the payment of arrearages of pension due Simon Smith, deceased, late a pensioner of the United States, to his heirs-at-law.

S. 642. An act to continue half-pay to Mrs. Lewright Browning for a further term of five years;

S. 629. An act for the relief of Whitemarsh B. Seabrook, Joseph Whaley, and others, officers and members of the Edisto Island Company, of the State of South Carolina;

S. 390. An act for the relief of Overton Love and John Guest, of the Chickasaw nation;

S. 420. An act for the relief of Charles Stearns;
in all which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have also passed, without amendment, bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 689. An act to establish the office of surveyor general of Utah, and to grant land for school and university purposes.

H. R. 703. An act for the relief of Rebecca Winn, widow and executrix of the last will and testament of Timothy Winn, deceased, late a purser in the navy of the United States.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did, on the 15th instant, approve and sign a resolution of the following title, viz :

S. Res. 4. A resolution authorizing the President of the United States to confer the title of lieutenant general by brevet for eminent services.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary, returning the bill of the House (H. R. 117) entitled "An act to provide for the ascertainment and satisfaction of claims of American citizens for spoliations committed by the French prior to the 31st of July, 1801," with his objections thereto; which objections are as follows, viz :

To the House of Representatives:

I have received and carefully considered the bill entitled "An act to provide for the ascertainment of claims of American citizens for spoliations committed by the French prior to the thirty-first of July, one thousand eight hundred and one," and, in the discharge of a duty imperatively enjoined on me by the constitution, I return the same, with my objections, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated.

In the organization of the government of the United States, the legislative and executive functions were separated, and placed in distinct hands. Although the President is required, from time to time, to recommend to the consideration of Congress such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient, his participation in the formal business of legislation is limited to the single duty, in a certain contingency, of demanding for a bill a particular form of vote, prescribed by the constitution, before it can become a law. He is not invested with power to defeat legislation by an absolute veto, but only to restrain it, and is charged with the duty, in case he disapproves a measure, of invoking a second, and a more deliberate and solemn consideration of it on the part of Congress. It is not incumbent on the President to sign a bill as a matter of course, and thus merely to authenticate the action of Congress, for he must exercise intelligent judgment, or be faithless to the trust reposed in him. If he approve a bill he shall sign it; but if not, he shall return it, with his objections, to that house in which it shall have originated, for such further action as the constitution demands, which is its enactment, if at all, not by a bare numerical majority as in the first instance, but by a constitutional majority of two-thirds of both houses.

While the constitution thus confers on the legislative bodies the complete power of legislation in all cases, it proceeds, in the spirit of justice, to provide for the protection of the responsibility of the President. It does not compel him to affix the signature of approval to any bill unless it actually have his approbation; for, while it requires him

to sign if he approve, it, in my judgment, imposes upon him the duty of withholding his signature if he do not approve. In the execution of his official duty in this respect, he is not to perform a mere mechanical part, but is to decide and act according to conscientious convictions of the rightfulness or the wrongfulness of the proposed law. In a matter as to which he is doubtful in his own mind, he may well defer to the majority of the two houses. Individual members of the respective houses, owing to the nature, variety, and amount of business pending, must necessarily rely, for their guidance in many, perhaps most cases, when the matters involved are not of popular interest, upon the investigation of appropriate committees, or, it may be, that of a single member, whose attention has been particularly directed to the subject. For similar reasons, but even to a greater extent, from the number and variety of subjects daily urged upon his attention, the President naturally relies much upon the investigation had, and the results arrived at, by the two houses; and hence those results, in large classes of cases, constitute the basis upon which his approval rests. The President's responsibility is to the whole people of the United States; as that of a senator is to the people of a particular State, that of a representative to the people of a State or district; and it may be safely assumed that he will not resort to the clearly-defined and limited power of arresting legislation, and calling for reconsideration of any measure, except in obedience to requirements of duty. When, however, he entertains a decisive and fixed conclusion, not merely of the unconstitutionality, but of the impropriety, or injustice in other respects, of any measure, if he declare that he approves it he is false to his oath, and he deliberately disregards his constitutional obligations.

I cheerfully recognise the weight of authority which attaches to the action of a majority of the two houses. But in this case, as in some others, the framers of our constitution, for wise considerations of public good, provided that nothing less than a two-thirds vote of one or both of the houses of Congress shall become effective to bind the co-ordinate departments of the government, the people and the several States. If there be anything of seeming invidiousness in the official right thus conferred on the President, it is in appearance only, for the same right of approving or disapproving a bill, according to each one's own judgment, is conferred on every member of the Senate and of the House of Representatives.

It is apparent, therefore, that the circumstances must be extraordinary, which would induce the President to withhold approval from a bill involving no violation of the constitution. The amount of the claims proposed to be discharged by the bill before me, the nature of the transactions in which those claims are alleged to have originated, the length of time during which they have occupied the attention of Congress and the country, present such an exigency. Their history renders it impossible that a President, who has participated to any considerable degree in public affairs, could have failed to form respecting them a decided opinion, upon what he would deem satisfactory grounds. Nevertheless, instead of resting on former opinions, it has seemed to me proper to review and more carefully examine the whole subject,

so as satisfactorily to determine the nature and extent of my obligations in the premises.

I feel called upon at the threshold to notice an assertion, often repeated, that the refusal of the United States to satisfy these claims, in the manner provided by the present bill, rests as a stain on the justice of our country. If it be so, the imputation on the public honor is aggravated by the consideration that the claims are coeval with the present century, and it has been a persistent wrong during that whole period of time. The allegation is, that private property has been taken for public use without just compensation, in violation of express provision of the constitution; and that reparation has been withheld, and justice denied, until the injured parties have for the most part descended to the grave. But it is not to be forgotten or overlooked that those who represented the people, in different capacities, at the time when the alleged obligations were incurred, and to whom the charge of injustice attaches in the first instance, have also passed away, and borne with them the special information which controlled their decision, and, it may be well presumed, constituted the justification of their acts.

If, however, the charge in question be well founded, although its admission would inscribe on our history a page which we might desire most of all to obliterate, and although, if true, it must painfully disturb our confidence in the justice and the high sense of moral and political responsibility of those whose memories we have been taught to cherish with so much reverence and respect, still, we have only one course of action left to us; and that is, to make the most prompt and ample reparation in our power, and consign the wrong, as far as may be, to forgetfulness.

But no such heavy sentence of condemnation should be lightly passed upon the sagacious and patriotic men who participated in the transactions out of which these claims are supposed to have arisen, and who, from their ample means of knowledge of the general subject in its minute details, and from their official position, are peculiarly responsible for whatever there is of wrong or injustice in the decisions of the government.

Their justification consists in that which constitutes the objection to the present bill, namely, the absence of any indebtedness on the part of the United States. The charge of denial of justice in this case, and consequent stain upon our national character, has not yet been endorsed by the American people. But, if it were otherwise, this bill, so far from relieving the past, would only stamp on the present a more deep and indelible stigma. It admits the justice of the claims, concedes that payment has been wrongfully withheld for fifty years, and then proposes, not to pay them, but to compound with the public creditors, by providing that, whether the claims shall be presented or not, whether the sum appropriated shall pay much or little of what shall be found due, the law itself shall constitute a perpetual bar to all future demands. This is not, in my judgment, the way to atone for wrongs, if they exist, nor to meet subsisting obligations.

If new facts, not known or not accessible during the administration of Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Madison, or Mr. Monroe, had since been brought to light, or new sources of information discovered, this would greatly

relieve the subject of embarrassment. But nothing of this nature has occurred.

That those eminent statesmen had the best means of arriving at a correct conclusion, no one will deny. That they never recognised the alleged obligation on the part of the government is shown by the history of their respective administrations. Indeed, it stands, not as a matter of controlling authority, but as a fact of history, that these claims have never, since our existence as a nation, been deemed by any President worthy of recommendation to Congress.

Claims to payment can rest only on the plea of indebtedness on the part of the government. This requires that it should be shown that the United States have incurred liability to the claimants, either by such acts as deprived them of their property, or by having actually taken it for public use without making just compensation for it.

The first branch of the proposition, that on which an equitable claim to be indemnified by the United States for losses sustained might rest, requires at least a cursory examination of the history of the transactions on which the claims depend. The first link which, in the chain of events, arrests attention, is the treaties of alliance and of amity and commerce between the United States and France, negotiated in 1778. By those treaties peculiar privileges were secured to the armed vessels of each of the contracting parties in the ports of the other; the freedom of trade was greatly enlarged; and mutual obligations were incurred by each to guaranty to the other their territorial possessions in America.

In 1792-'3, when war broke out between France and Great Britain, the former claimed privileges in American ports, which our government did not admit as deducible from the treaties of 1778, and which it was held were in conflict with obligations to the other belligerent powers. The liberal principle of one of the treaties referred to—that free ships make free goods, and that subsistence and supplies were not contraband of war, unless destined to a blockaded port—was found, in a commercial view, to operate disadvantageously to France, as compared with her enemy, Great Britain, the latter asserting, under the law of nations, the right to capture, as contraband, supplies when bound for an enemy's port.

Induced mainly, it is believed, by these considerations, the government of France decreed, on the 9th of May, 1793, the first year of the war, that "the French people are no longer permitted to fulfil towards the neutral powers in general the vows they have so often manifested, and which they constantly make for the full and entire liberty of commerce and navigation;" and, as a counter measure to the course of Great Britain, authorized the seizure of neutral vessels bound to an enemy's port, in like manner as that was done by her great maritime rival. This decree was made to act retrospectively, and to continue until the enemies of France should desist from depredations on the neutral vessels bound to the ports of France. Then followed the embargo, by which our vessels were detained in Bordeaux; the seizure of British goods on board of our ships, and of the property of American citizens, under the pretence that it belonged to English subjects; and the imprisonment of American citizens captured on the high seas.

Against these infractions of existing treaties and violations of our rights as a neutral power, we complained and remonstrated. For the property of our injured citizens we demanded that due compensation should be made, and from 1793 to 1797 used every means, ordinary and extraordinary, to obtain redress by negotiation. In the last-mentioned year these efforts were met by a refusal to receive a minister sent by our government with special instructions to represent the amicable disposition of the government and people of the United States, and their desire to remove jealousies and to restore confidence by showing that the complaints against them were groundless. Failing in this, another attempt to adjust all differences between the two republics was made in the form of an extraordinary mission, composed of three distinguished citizens, but the refusal to receive was offensively repeated; and thus terminated this last effort to preserve peace and restore kind relations with our early friend and ally, to whom a debt of gratitude was due which the American people have never been willing to depreciate or to forget. Years of negotiation had not only failed to secure indemnity for our citizens and exemption from further depredation, but these long-continued efforts had brought upon the government the suspension of diplomatic intercourse with France, and such indignities as to induce President Adams, in his message of May 16, 1797, to Congress, convened in special session, to present it as the particular matter for their consideration, and to speak of it in terms of the highest indignation. Thenceforward the action of our government assumed a character, which clearly indicates that hope was no longer entertained from the amicable feeling or justice of the government of France; and hence the subsequent measures were those of force.

On the 28th of May, 1798, an act was passed for the employment of the navy of the United States against "armed vessels of the republic of France," and authorized their capture, if "found hovering on the coast of the United States for the purpose of committing depredations on the vessels belonging to the citizens thereof." On the 18th of June, 1798, an act was passed prohibiting commercial intercourse with France, under the penalty of the forfeiture of the vessels so employed. On the 25th of June, the same year, an act to arm the merchant marine to oppose searches, capture aggressors, and recapture American vessels taken by the French. On the 28th of June, same year, an act for the condemnation and sale of French vessels captured by authority of the act of 28th of May preceding. On the 27th of July, same year, an act abrogating the treaties and the convention which had been concluded between the United States and France, and declaring "that the same shall not henceforth be regarded as legally obligatory on the government or citizens of the United States." On the 9th of the same month an act was passed which enlarged the limits of the hostilities then existing, by authorizing our public vessels to capture armed vessels of France wherever found upon the high seas, and conferred power on the President to issue commissions to private armed vessels to engage in like service.

These acts, though short of a declaration of war, which would put all the citizens of each country in hostility with those of the other, were nevertheless actual war, partial in its application, maritime in

its character, but which required the expenditure of much of our public treasure, and much of the blood of our patriotic citizens, who, in vessels but little suited to the purposes of war, went forth to battle on the high seas for the rights and security of their fellow-citizens, and to repel indignities offered to the national honor.

It is not, then, because of any failure to use all available means, diplomatic and military, to obtain reparation, that liability for private claims can have been incurred by the United States; and if there is any pretence for such liability, it must flow from the action, not from the neglect, of the United States. The first complaint on the part of France was against the proclamation of President Washington, of April 22, 1793. At that early period in the war, which involved Austria, Prussia, Sardinia, the United Netherlands, and Great Britain, on the one part, and France on the other, the great and wise man who was the Chief Executive, as he was and had been the guardian of our then infant republic, proclaimed that "the duty and interest of the United States require that they should, with sincerity and good faith, adopt and pursue a conduct friendly and impartial towards the belligerent powers." This attitude of neutrality, it was pretended, was in disregard of the obligations of alliance between the United States and France. And this, together with the often-renewed complaint that the stipulations of the treaties of 1778 had not been observed and executed by the United States, formed the pretext for the series of outrages upon our government and its citizens, which finally drove us to seek redress and safety by an appeal to force. The treaties of 1778, so long the subject of French complaints, are now understood to be the foundation upon which are laid these claims of indemnity from the United States for spoliations committed by the French prior to 1800. The act of our government which abrogated not only the treaties of 1778, but also the subsequent consular convention of 1788, has already been referred to, and it may be well here to inquire what the course of France was in relation thereto. By the decrees of 9th of May, 1793, 7th of July, 1796, and 2d of March, 1797, the stipulations which were then and subsequently most important to the United States were rendered wholly inoperative. The highly injurious effects which these decrees are known to have produced, show how vital were the provisions of treaty which they violated, and make manifest the incontrovertible right of the United States to declare, as the consequence of these acts of the other contracting party, the treaties at an end.

The next step in this inquiry is, whether the act declaring the treaties null and void was ever repealed, or whether by any other means the treaties were ever revived so as to be either the subject or the source of national obligation? The war, which has been described, was terminated by the treaty of Paris of 1800, and to that instrument it is necessary to turn to find how much of pre-existing obligations between the two governments outlived the hostilities in which they had been engaged. By the 2d article of the treaty of 1800, it was declared that the ministers plenipotentiary of the two parties, not being able to agree respecting the treaties of alliance, amity, and commerce of 1778, and the convention of 1788, nor upon the indemnities mutually due or claimed, the parties will negotiate further on

these subjects at a convenient time, and until they shall have agreed upon these points the said treaties and convention shall have no operation.

When the treaty was submitted to the Senate of the United States, the second article was disagreed to, and the treaty amended by striking it out, and inserting a provision that the convention then made should continue in force eight years from the date of ratification, which convention thus amended was accepted by the First Consul of France, with the addition of a note explanatory of his construction of the convention, to the effect that by the retrenchment of the second article, the two States renounce the respective pretensions which were the object of the said article.

It will be perceived by the language of the second article, as originally framed by the negotiators, that they had found themselves unable to adjust the controversies on which years of diplomacy and of hostilities had been expended; and that they were at last compelled to postpone the discussion of those questions to that most indefinite period, a "convenient time." All, then, of these subjects, which was revived by the convention, was the right to renew, when it should be convenient to the parties, a discussion, which had already exhausted negotiation, involved the two countries in a maritime war, and on which the parties had approached no nearer to concurrence than they were when the controversy began.

The obligations of the treaties of 1778, and the convention of 1788, were mutual, and estimated to be equal. But, however onerous they may have been to the United States, they had been abrogated, and were not revived by the convention of 1800, but expressly spoken of as suspended until an event which could only occur by the pleasure of the United States. It seems clear, then, that the United States were relieved of no obligation to France by the retrenchment of the second article of the convention; and if thereby France was relieved of any valid claims against her, the United States received no consideration in return; and that if private property was taken by the United States from their own citizens, it was not for public use. But it is here proper to inquire whether the United States did relieve France from valid claims against her on the part of citizens of the United States, and did thus deprive them of their property.

The complaints and counter-complaints of the two governments had been, that treaties were violated, and that both public and individual rights and interests had been sacrificed. The correspondence of our ministers engaged in negotiations, both before and after the convention of 1800, sufficiently proves how hopeless was the effort to obtain full indemnity from France for injuries inflicted on our commerce from 1793 to 1800, unless it should be by an account in which the rival pretensions of the two governments should each be acknowledged, and the balance struck between them.

It is supposable, and may be inferred from the contemporaneous history as probable, that had the United States agreed in 1800 to revive the treaties of 1778 and 1788 with the construction which France had placed upon them, that the latter government would, on the other hand, have agreed to make indemnity for those spoliations which were committed under the pretext that the United States were

faithless to the obligations of the alliance between the two countries.

Hence the conclusion, that the United States did not sacrifice private rights or property to get rid of public obligations, but only refused to reassume public obligations for the purpose of obtaining the recognition of the claims of American citizens on the part of France.

All those claims, which the French government was willing to admit, were carefully provided for elsewhere in the convention, and the declaration of the First Consul, which was appended in his additional note, had no other application than to the claims which had been mutually made by the governments, but on which they had never approximated to an adjustment. In confirmation of the fact that our government did not intend to cease from the prosecution of the just claims of our citizens against France, reference is here made to the annual message of President Jefferson of December 8, 1801, which opens with expressions of his gratification at the restoration of peace among sister nations; and after speaking of the assurances received from all nations with whom we had principal relations, and of the confidence thus inspired, that our peace with them would not have been disturbed if they had continued at war with each other, he proceeds to say:

“But a cessation of irregularities which had afflicted the commerce of neutral nations, and of the irritations and injuries produced by them, cannot but add to this confidence, and strengthen at the same time the hope that wrongs committed on unoffending friends, under a pressure of circumstances, will now be reviewed with candor, and will be considered as founding just claims of retribution for the past and new assurances for the future.”

The zeal and diligence with which the claims of our citizens against France were prosecuted, appear in the diplomatic correspondence of the three years next succeeding the convention of 1800, and the effect of these efforts is made manifest in the convention of 1803, in which provision was made for payment of a class of cases, the consideration of which France had at all previous periods refused to entertain, and which are of that very class which it has been often assumed were released by striking out the second article of the convention of 1800. This is shown by reference to the preamble, and to the fourth and fifth articles of the convention of 1803, by which were admitted among the debts due by France to citizens of the United States the amounts chargeable for “prizes made at sea in which the appeal has been properly lodged within the time mentioned in the said convention of the 30th of September, 1800;” and this class was further defined to be only “captures of which the council of prizes shall have ordered restitution, it being well understood that the claimant cannot have recourse to the United States, otherwise than he might have had to the French republic, and only in case of the insufficiency of the captors.”

If, as was affirmed on all hands, the convention of 1803 was intended to close all questions between the governments of France and the United States, and twenty millions of francs were set apart as a sum which might exceed, but could not fall short of, the debts due by France to the citizens of the United States, how are we to reconcile

the claim now presented with the estimates made by those who were of the time and immediately connected with the events, and whose intelligence and integrity have in no small degree contributed to the character and prosperity of the country in which we live? Is it rational to assume that the claimants, who now present themselves for indemnity by the United States, represent debts which would have been admitted and paid by France but for the intervention of the United States? And is it possible to escape from the effect of the voluminous evidence tending to establish the fact that France resisted all these claims; that it was only after long and skilful negotiation that the agents of the United States obtained the recognition of such of the claims as were provided for in the conventions of 1800 and 1803? And is it not conclusive against any pretensions of possible success on the part of the claimants, if left unaided to make their applications to France, that the only debts due to American citizens which have been paid by France are those which were assumed by the United States as part of the consideration in the purchase of Louisiana?

There is little which is creditable either to the judgment or patriotism of those of our fellow-citizens, who at this day arraign the justice, the fidelity, or love of country of the men who founded the republic, in representing them as having bartered away the property of individuals to escape from public obligations, and then to have withheld from them just compensation. It has been gratifying to me, in tracing the history of these claims, to find that ample evidence exists to refute an accusation which would impeach the purity, the justice, and the magnanimity of the illustrious men who guided and controlled the early destinies of the republic.

I pass from this review of the history of the subject, and, omitting many substantial objections to these claims, proceed to examine somewhat more closely the only grounds upon which they can by possibility be maintained.

Before entering on this, it may be proper to state distinctly certain propositions which, it is admitted on all hands, are essential to prove the obligations of the government.

First. That at the date of the treaty of September 30, 1800, these claims were valid and subsisting as against France.

Second. That they were released or extinguished by the United States in that treaty, and by the manner of its ratification.

Third. That they were so released or extinguished for a consideration valuable to the government, but in which the claimants had no more interest than any other citizens.

The convention between the French republic and the United States of America, signed at Paris on the 30th day of September, 1800, purports in the preamble to be founded on the equal desire of the First Consul (Napoleon Bonaparte) and the President of the United States to terminate the differences which have arisen between the two States. It declares, in the first place, that there shall be firm, inviolable, and universal peace, and a true and sincere friendship, between the French republic and the United States. Next it proceeds, in the second, third, fourth, and fifth articles, to make provision in sundry respects, having reference to past differences, and the transition from the state of war between the two countries to that of general and permanent

peace. Finally, in the residue of the twenty-seventh article, it stipulates anew the conditions of amity and intercourse, commercial and political, thereafter to exist, and, of course, to be substituted in place of the previous conditions of the treaties of alliance and of commerce, and the consular convention, which are thus tacitly, but unequivocally, recognised as no longer in force, but in effect abrogated, either by the state of war, or by the political action of the two republics.

Except in so far as the whole convention goes to establish the fact that the previous treaties were admitted on both sides to be at an end, none of the articles are directly material to the present question, save the following:

ART. II. "The ministers plenipotentiary of the two parties not being able to agree at present respecting the treaty of alliance of 6th February, 1778, the treaty of amity and commerce of the same date, and the convention of the 14th November, 1788, nor upon the indemnities mutually due or claimed, the parties will negotiate further on these subjects at a convenient time; and until they may have agreed upon these points, the said treaties and convention shall have no operation, and the relations of the two countries shall be regulated as follows:

ART. V. "The debts contracted by one of the two nations with individuals of the other, or by the individuals of one with the individuals of the other, shall be paid, or the payment may be prosecuted, in the same manner as if there had been no misunderstanding between the two States. But this clause shall not extend to indemnities claimed on account of captures or confiscations."

On this convention being submitted to the Senate of the United States, they consented and advised to its ratification with the following proviso:

"Provided that the second article be expunged, and that the following article be added or inserted: It is agreed that the present convention shall be in force for the term of eight years from the time of the exchange of ratifications."

The spirit and purpose of this change are apparent and unmistakable. The convention, as signed by the respective plenipotentiaries, did not adjust all the points of controversy. Both nations, however, desired the restoration of peace. Accordingly, as to those matters in the relations of the two countries, concerning which they could agree, they did agree for the time being; and as to the rest, concerning which they could not agree, they suspended and postponed further negotiation.

They abandoned no pretensions, they relinquished no right on either side, but simply adjourned the question until "a convenient time." Meanwhile, and until the arrival of such convenient time, the relations of the two countries were to be regulated by the stipulations of the convention.

Of course, the convention was on its face a temporary and provisional one, but in the worst possible form of prospective termination. It was to cease at a convenient time. But how should that convenient time be ascertained? It is plain that such a stipulation, while professedly not disposing of the present controversy, had within itself the germ of a fresh one; for the two governments might at any

moment fall into dispute on the question whether that convenient time had or had not arrived. The Senate of the United States anticipated and prevented this question by the only possible expedient—that is, the designation of a precise date. This being done, the remaining parts of the second article became superfluous and useless; for, as all the provisions of the convention would expire in eight years, it would necessarily follow that negotiations must be renewed within that period; more especially as the operation of the amendment, which covered the whole convention, was, that even the stipulation of peace in the first article became temporary and expired in eight years, whereas that article, and that article alone, was permanent according to the original tenor of the convention.

The convention thus amended being submitted to the First Consul, was ratified by him, his act of acceptance being accompanied with the following declaratory note:

“The government of the United States having added in its ratification that the convention should be in force for the space of eight years, and having omitted the second article, the government of the French republic consents to accept, ratify, and confirm the above convention, with the addition importing that the convention shall be in force for the space of eight years, and with the retrenchment of the second article: provided that by this retrenchment the two States renounce the respective pretensions which are the object of the said article.”

The convention, as thus ratified by the First Consul, having been again submitted to the Senate of the United States, that body resolved that “they considered the convention as fully ratified,” and returned the same to the President for promulgation, and it was accordingly promulgated in the usual form by President Jefferson.

Now, it is clear, that in simply resolving that “they considered the convention as fully ratified,” the Senate did in fact abstain from any express declaration of dissent or assent to the construction put by the First Consul on the retrenchment of the second article. If any inference, beyond this, can be drawn from their resolution, it is, that they regarded the proviso annexed by the First Consul to his declaration of acceptance as foreign to the subject, as nugatory, or as without consequence or effect. Notwithstanding this proviso, they considered the ratification as full. If the new proviso made any change in the previous import of the convention, then it was not full. And in considering it a full ratification, they in substance deny that the proviso did in any respect change the tenor of the convention.

By the second article, as it originally stood, neither republic had relinquished its existing rights or pretensions, either as to other previous treaties, or the indemnities mutually due or claimed, but only deferred the consideration of them to a convenient time. By the amendment of the Senate of the United States, that convenient time, instead of being left indefinite, was fixed at eight years; but no right or pretension of either party was surrendered or abandoned.

If the Senate erred in assuming that the proviso added by the First Consul did not affect the question, then the transaction would amount to nothing more than to have raised a new question to be disposed of on resuming the negotiations, namely, the question whether the

proviso of the First Consul did or not modify or impair the effect of the convention as it had been ratified by the Senate.

That such, and such only, was the true meaning and effect of the transaction; that it was not, and was not intended to be, a relinquishment by the United States of any existing claim on France, and especially that it was not an abandonment of any claims of individual citizens, nor the set-off of these against any conceded national obligations to France, is shown by the fact that President Jefferson did at once resume and prosecute to successful conclusion negotiations to obtain from France indemnification for the claims of citizens of the United States existing at the date of that convention; for, on the 30th of April, 1803, three treaties were concluded at Paris between the United States of America and the French republic, one of which embraced the cession of Louisiana; another stipulated for the payment of sixty millions of francs by the United States to France; and a third provided, that for the satisfaction of sums due by France to citizens of the United States at the conclusion of the convention of September 30, 1800, and in express compliance with the second and fifth articles thereof, a further sum of twenty millions of francs should be appropriated and paid by the United States. In the preamble to the first of these treaties, which ceded Louisiana, it is set forth that—

“The President of the United States of America and the First Consul of the French republic, in the name of the French people, desiring to remove all source of misunderstanding relative to objects of discussion mentioned in the second and fifth articles of the convention of the 8th Vendémaire, an. 9, (30th September, 1800,) relative to the rights claimed by the United States in virtue of the treaty concluded at Madrid the 27th of October, 1795, between his Catholic Majesty and the said United States, and willing to strengthen the union and friendship which at the time of the said convention was happily re-established between the two nations, have respectively named their plenipotentiaries,” who “have agreed to the following articles.”

Here is the most distinct and categorical declaration of the two governments, that the matters of claim in the second article of the convention of 1800 had not been ceded away, relinquished, or set off, but they were still subsisting subjects of demand against France. The same declaration appears in equally emphatic language in the third of these treaties, bearing the same date, the preamble of which recites that—

“The President of the United States of America and the First Consul of the French republic, in the name of the French people, having by a treaty of this date terminated all difficulties relative to Louisiana, and established on a solid foundation the friendship which unites the two nations, and being desirous, in compliance with the second and fifth articles of the convention of the 8th Vendémaire, ninth year of the French republic, (30th September, 1800,) to secure the payment of the sums due by France to the citizens of the United States,” and “have appointed plenipotentiaries,” who agreed to the following among other articles :

“ART. I. The debts due by France to citizens of the United States, contracted before the 8th of Vendémaire, ninth year of the French republic, (30th September, 1800,) shall be paid according to the follow-

ing regulations, with interest at six per cent., to commence from the periods when the accounts and vouchers were presented to the French government.

"ART. II. The debts provided for by the preceding article are those whose result is comprised in the conjectural note annexed to the present convention, and which, with the interest, cannot exceed the sum of twenty millions of francs. The claims comprised in the said note which fall within the exceptions of the following articles shall not be admitted to the benefit of this provision.

"ART. IV. It is expressly agreed that the preceding articles shall comprehend no debts but such as are due to citizens of the United States, who have been and are yet creditors of France, for supplies, for embargoes, and prizes made at sea, in which the appeal has been properly lodged within the time mentioned in the said convention, 8th Vendémaire, ninth year, (30th September, 1800.)

"ART. V. The preceding articles shall apply only—1st, to captures of which the council of prizes shall have ordered restitution, it being well understood that the claimant cannot have recourse to the United States, otherwise than he might have had to the government of the French republic, and only in case of insufficiency of the captors; 2d, the debts mentioned in the said fifth article of the convention, contracted before the 8th Vendémaire, an. 9, (30th September, 1800,) the payment of which has been heretofore claimed of the actual government of France, and for which the creditors have a right to the protection of the United States: the said fifth article does not comprehend prizes whose condemnation has been or shall be confirmed. It is the express intention of the contracting parties not to extend the benefit of the present convention to reclamations of American citizens, who shall have established houses of commerce in France, England, or other countries than the United States, in partnership with foreigners, and who by that reason, and the nature of their commerce, ought to be regarded as domiciliated in the places where such houses exist. All agreements and bargains concerning merchandise, which shall not be the property of American citizens, are equally excepted from the benefit of the said convention, saving, however, to such persons their claims in like manner as if this treaty had not been made.

"ART. XII. In case of claims for debts contracted by the government of France with citizens of the United States since the 8th Vendémaire, ninth year, (30th September, 1800,) not being comprised in this convention, may be pursued, and the payment demanded in the same manner as if it had not been made."

Other articles of the treaty provide for the appointment of agents to liquidate the claims intended to be secured, and for the payment of them, as allowed, at the treasury of the United States. The following is the concluding clause of the tenth article:

"The rejection of any claim shall have no other effect than to exempt the United States from the payment of it, the French government reserving to itself the right to decide definitely on such claim so far as it concerns itself."

Now, from the provisions of the treaties thus collated, the following deductions undeniably follow, namely:

First. Neither the second article of the convention of 1800, as it

originally stood, nor the retrenchment of that article, nor the proviso in the ratification by the First Consul, nor the action of the Senate of the United States thereon, was regarded by either France or the United States as the renouncement of any claims of American citizens against France.

Second. On the contrary, in the treaties of 1803 the two governments took up the question precisely where it was left on the day of the signature of that of 1800, without suggestion, on the part of France, that the claims of our citizens were excluded by the retrenchment of the second article or the note of the First Consul, and proceeded to make ample provision for such as France could be induced to admit were justly due, and they were accordingly discharged in full, with interest, by the United States in the stead and behalf of France.

Third. The United States, not having admitted in the convention of 1800 that they were under any obligations to France by reason of the abrogation of the treaties of 1778 and 1788, persevered in this view of the question by the tenor of the treaties of 1803, and therefore had no such national obligation to discharge, and did not, either in purpose or in fact, at any time undertake to discharge themselves from any such obligation at the expense and with the property of individual citizens of the United States.

Fourth. By the treaties of 1803, the United States obtained from France the acknowledgment and payment, as part of the indemnity for the cession of Louisiana, of claims of citizens of the United States for spoliations so far as France would admit her liability in the premises; but even then the United States did not relinquish any claim of American citizens not provided for by those treaties: so far from it, to the honor of France be it remembered, she expressly reserved to herself the right to reconsider any rejected claims of citizens of the United States.

Fifth. As to claims of citizens of the United States against France, which had been the subject of controversy between the two countries prior to the signature of the convention of 1800, and the further consideration of which was reserved for a more convenient time by the second article of that convention: for these claims, and these only, provision was made in the treaties of 1803, all other claims being expressly excluded by them from their scope and purview.

It is not to be overlooked, though not necessary to the conclusion, that by the convention between France and the United States of the 4th of July, 1831, complete provision was made for the liquidation, discharge, and payment, on both sides, of all claims of citizens of either against the other for unlawful seizures, captures, sequestrations, or destructions of the vessels, cargoes, or other property, without any limitation of time, so as in terms to run back to the date of the last preceding settlement, at least to that of 1803, if not to the commencement of our national relations with France.

This review of the successive treaties between France and the United States has brought my mind to the undoubting conviction that while the United States have, in the most ample and the completest manner, discharged their duty towards such of their citizens as may have been at any time aggrieved by acts of the French government, so,

also, France has honorably discharged herself of all obligations in the premises towards the United States. To concede what this bill assumes, would be to impute undeserved reproach both to France and to the United States.

I am, of course, aware that the bill proposes only to provide indemnification for such valid claims of citizens of the United States against France as shall not have been stipulated for and embraced in any of the treaties enumerated. But, in excluding all such claims, it excludes all in fact for which, during the negotiations, France could be persuaded to agree that she was in any wise liable to the United States or our citizens. What remains? And for what is five millions appropriated? In view of what has been said, there would seem to be no ground on which to raise a liability of the United States, unless it be the assumption that the United States are to be considered the insurer and the guarantor of all claims, of whatever nature, which any individual citizen may have against a foreign nation.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, *February 17, 1855.*

The same having been read,

The Speaker stated the question to be, Will the House, on reconsideration, agree to pass the said bill?

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Wednesday next, and printed.

Pending which,

Mr. George W. Jones moved the previous question, and the House refused to second the same.

Mr. Seward moved, at 2 o'clock and 40 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

The question then recurring on the motion of Mr. Thomas H. Bayly, Mr. George W. Jones moved to amend the same by striking out "Wednesday," and inserting "*Saturday*" in lieu thereof.

Pending which,

Mr. Campbell moved to amend the said amendment by striking out "Saturday," and inserting "*the 3d day of March next*" in lieu thereof.

Pending which,

After debate,

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, at 3 o'clock and 25 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1855.

The following petitions, memorial, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Farley: The petition of John Henry, of the State of Maine, for arrears of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Lamb: The memorial of the general assembly of the State of Missouri, for a grant of a township of land in said State for school purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Also, the petition of citizens of the State of Missouri, against the ex-

tension of McCormick's, Hussey's, and Moore and Hascall's patents for reaping machines; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Dawson: Two petitions of citizens of Green county, Pennsylvania, for a mail-route from Waynesburg, via Jefferson, Carmichael's, Mapletown, &c., to Whrely, in said State; which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Latham: The petition of citizens of the State of California, to grant a pension to Isaac W. San Banch; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Wheeler: The proceedings of a meeting of ship-owners, shipmasters, &c., of the city of New York, in relation to the law regulating the carriage of passengers, &c., upon steamboats, &c.; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the following executive communications, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury submitting additional estimates for the public service in Kansas and Nebraska; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior transmitting, in compliance with a resolution of the House of the 12th instant, information relative to the amount of money paid to James T. Miller and Pym-yoh-mah, under the Senate amendment to the treaty with the Miami Indians made in August, 1854; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 286. An act to provide for holding an additional term of the circuit court of the United States for the district of Missouri, and for holding special terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States for the northern district of Ohio.

S. 577. An act authorizing the issue of a register to the Russian-built ship "Aina."

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Cutting gave notice, under the rule, of his intention to move for leave to introduce a bill to prevent mis-trials in certain cases in the courts of the United States.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 609. An act for the relief of Henry H. Marsh.

H. R. 689. An act to establish the office of surveyor general of Utah and to grant land for school and university purposes.

H. R. 703. An act for the relief of Rebecca Winn, widow and executrix of the last will and testament of Timothy Winn, deceased, late a purser in the navy of the United States.

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

The House then resumed, as the regular order of business, the re-

consideration of the bill of the House (No. 117) entitled "An act to provide for the ascertainment and satisfaction of claims of American citizens for spoliation committed by the French prior to the 31st of July, 1801," returned on Saturday last by the President of the United States with his objections thereto; the pending question being on the motion of Mr. Campbell to amend the amendment of Mr. George W. Jones, to the motion of Mr. Thomas H. Bayly to postpone the further consideration of the same until Wednesday next, and that the message be printed.

Mr. Campbell withdrew his said amendment to the amendment, and Mr. Thomas H. Bayly modified his said motion by striking out "Wednesday" and inserting "Thursday" in lieu thereof.

The Speaker then stated the question to be on the amendment of Mr. George W. Jones to the motion of Mr. Bayly, viz: To strike out "Thursday" and insert "Saturday" in lieu thereof.

After debate,

Mr. Orr moved the previous question; which was seconded.

The question was then put, Shall the main question be now put?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas 112
Nays 77

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
William S. Ashe
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Thomas H. Benton
Thomas S. Boccock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Samuel Caruthers
John S. Caskie
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John P. Cook
Burton Craig
Carlton B. Curtis
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
James F. Dowdell
Augustus Drum
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
Henry A. Edmundson
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas J. D. Fuller
William O. Goode

Mr. Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Andrew J. Harlan
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Clement S. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles Hughes
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
John Letcher
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindsley
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
Fayette McMullen
John McNair
John McQueen
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
George W. Morrison
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble

Mr. Edson B. Olds
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
John Perkins, jr.
Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell
James T. Pratt
William A. Richardson
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
Thomas Ruffin
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
Otho R. Singleton
Charles Skelton
William Smith
William R. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Nathan T. Stratton
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
John J. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Joshua Vansant
William A. Walker
Edward A. Warren
Daniel Wells, jr.
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss
Francis M. Bristow
Preston S. Brooks
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Francis B. Cutting
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
Ben C. Eastman
J. Wiley Edmands
Thomas D. Eliot
Emerson Etheridge
E. Wilder Farley
Reuben E. Fenton

Mr. Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
James Gamble
Joshua R. Giddings
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Aaron Harlan
John Scott Harrison
George Hastings
Isaac E. Hiester
Thomas M. Howe
Theodore G. Hunt
George W. Kittredge
James Knox
Milton S. Latham
Caleb Lyon
John McCulloch
John B. Macy
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham

Mr. Alex. C. M. Pennington
Bishop Perkins
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
George Read Riddle
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
George A. Simmons
Augustus R. Sollers
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Andrew Tracy
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
Elihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the main question was ordered to be now put.

And being put, viz: Will the House on reconsideration agree to pass the said bill?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 113
Nays..... 86

Two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

The Constitution of the United States requiring the vote to be taken by yeas and nays,

Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
Willis Allen
William Appleton
Thomas H. Bayly
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Preston S. Brooks
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis
Francis B. Cutting

Mr. Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmands
Thomas D. Eliot
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
Joshua R. Giddings
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
John Scott Harrison
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Theodore G. Hunt
Colin M. Ingersoll
J. Glancy Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr

Mr. George W. Kittredge
James Knox
James J. Lindley
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
John B. Macy
Orasmus B. Matteson
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
Jesse O. Norton
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Bishop Perkins
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese

Mr. George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
John Robbins, jr.
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Origen S. Seymour
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
William Smith
Augustus R. Soilers
Frederick P. Stanton

Mr. Richard H. Stanton
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade

Mr. Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappen Wentworth
Theodoric R. Westbrook
John Wheeler
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
William S. Asbe
David J. Bailey
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Thomas H. Benton
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Leander M. Cox
Burton Craige
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
Norman Eddy
Henry A. Edmundson
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge
Charles J. Faulkner
William O. Goode

Mr. Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Andrew J. Harlan
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Charles Hughes
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
Roland Jones
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
John Letcher
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindaley
Fayette McMullen
John McNair
John McQueen
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
George W. Morrison
William Murray

Mr. Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Edson B. Olds
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
John Perkins, jr.
Paulus Powell
William A. Richardson
Thomas Ritchey
Peter Rowe
Thomas Ruffin
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Otho R. Singleton
Charles Skelton
Samuel A. Smith
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
Nathan T. Stratton
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
John J. Taylor
Edward A. Warren
William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright.

So the House, on reconsideration, refused to pass the said bill by a constitutional majority.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a resolution and bills of the following titles, viz :

S. Res. 39. A resolution in relation to the New Orleans custom-house ;

S. 670. An act to change the name of the American-built steamer "Fanny Fern" to that of Thomas H. Stewart, and to grant her a new register ;

S. 621. An act to change the boundaries of the land districts in the State of Iowa, and for other purposes ;
in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have also passed, without amendment, a bill of this House of the following title, viz :

H. R. 706. An act increasing the pension of Anthony W. Bayard, of Bellefonte, in the State of Pennsylvania.

And then he withdrew.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United

States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private Secretary, which was handed in at the Speaker's table.

Also a message notifying the House that he did, on the 17th instant, approve and sign bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 477. An act for the erection of a military post on or near the Pembina river, in the Territory of Minnesota, and for other purposes.

H. R. 612. An act to establish an additional land district in the Territory of Oregon.

H. R. 542. An act making an appropriation for completing the public buildings of Oregon Territory and Minnesota.

H. R. 702. An act for the relief of William Hagerty.

H. R. 691. An act making appropriation for a territorial road in the Territory of Nebraska.

H. R. 543. An act for the construction of a military road in Oregon Territory.

H. R. 337. An act to regulate the salaries of the district judges of the United States.

H. R. 680. An act making appropriations for improving certain military roads in the Territory of Minnesota.

H. R. 588. An act to provide for the accommodation of the courts of the United States for the district of Maryland, and for a post office at Baltimore city, Maryland.

H. Res. 56. Joint resolution explanatory of the act giving compensation to Judges Woodbridge and Chipman.

H. R. 642. An act for the relief of Medford Caffey, of the State of Tennessee.

Mr. Etheridge, the rules having been suspended for that purpose, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That after this day the hour of the daily meetings of this House be eleven o'clock a. m.

Mr. Etheridge moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 609. An act for the relief of Henry H. Marsh.

H. R. 689. An act to establish the office of surveyor general of Utah, and to grant land for school and university purposes.

H. R. 703. An act for the relief of Rebecca Winn, widow and executrix of the last will and testament of Timothy Winn, deceased, late a purser in the navy of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Haven, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hibbard reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 569) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. John G. Davis moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to report, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, a bill to organize an asylum for the insane of the army, navy, and District of Columbia.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Hughes, at 3 o'clock and 45 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock a. m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1855.

The following petitions, memorial, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit :

By Mr. Edmundson : The petition of citizens of the State of Virginia, for a mail-route from Buchanan, in Botetourt county, to Buford's Depot, in Bedford county.

By Mr. John L. Taylor : The petition of citizens of the county of Ross, Ohio, for a mail-route from Bourneville, in Ross county, to Waverly, in Pike county, in said State.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Farley : The petition of Rolan Wright, of Wiscasset, Maine, for arrears of pension.

By Mr. Carpenter : Two petitions of citizens of the State of New York, that the soldiers who served during the war of 1812 be granted each 160 acres of land.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Banks : The petition of Edward Mattingly, of Washington city, for compensation for services as inspector of customs ; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Farley : The petition of Moses Starling, of the State of Maine, for payment of fishing bounty due him ; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne : Two petitions of citizens of the State of Illinois, against the renewal of the patents of McCormick, Hussey, or Moore & Hascall ; which were referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Robbins : The petition of citizens of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, for an appropriation for erecting buildings for the United States for court-room, post office, &c., in said city ; which was referred to the select committee on the President's message in relation to court-houses and post offices in the cities of Philadelphia, New York, and Boston.

By Mr. Pringle : The petition of citizens of the State of New York, for the extension of the bounty land law of 1850-'51.

By Mr. Preston : Resolutions of citizens of Henry county, Kentucky, that the soldiers of the war of 1812 be granted pensions and additional bounty land.

Ordered, That said petition and resolutions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Kidwell : The petition of William McCoy's heirs and legal

representatives, for compensation for work done on the National road ; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Preston : The memorial of citizens of the United States engaged in steamboat navigation on the western waters, in relation to the requisite signals and regulations to prevent collision of vessels upon the waters of the Mississippi river and its tributaries ;

Also, the petition of J. R. Hamilton, of like import with the foregoing.

Ordered, That said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the following message, received yesterday from the President of the United States, viz :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

I communicate herewith a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, and accompanying paper, for the consideration of Congress.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, February 17, 1855.

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and printed.

The Speaker also, by unanimous consent, laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting three hundred copies of the Navy Register for the current year ; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

The Speaker having announced as the regular order of business, the bill of the House (No. 102) granting land equally to the several States, to aid in the construction of railroads, and for the support of schools, upon which the previous question was demanded, the House proceeded to its consideration.

The question being put on the demand for the previous question, no quorum voted.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Ordered, That there be a call of the House.

The roll having been called, the following named members failed to answer to their names :

James Abercrombie, William Aiken, Willis Allen, David J. Bailey, Thomas H. Bayly, William Barksdale, Nathan Belcher, P. H. Bell, Thomas H. Benton, William H. Bissell, George Bliss, Thomas S. Bo-
cock, Samuel A. Bridges, Francis M. Bristow, Preston S. Brooks, Samuel Caruthers, John S. Caskie, Ebenezer M. Chamberlain, Joseph R. Chandler, William M. Churchwell, Thomas L. Clingman, Alfred H. Colquitt, Leander M. Cox, Samuel L. Crocker, William Cullom, Thomas W. Cumming, Carlton B. Curtis, Thomas Davis, William B. W. Dent, John Dick, William Dunbar, Cyrus L. Dunham, Norman Eddy, Henry A. Edmundson, John M. Elliott, William H. English, William Everhart, E. Wilder Farley, Thomas T. Flagler, John R. Franklin, William O. Goode, John Z. Goodrich, Ben Edwards Grey, Andrew J. Harlan, Sampson W. Harris, Wiley P. Harris, George Hastings, Isaac E. Hiester, Junius Hillyer, Theodore G. Hunt, Colin M. Ingersoll, Daniel T. Jones, Roland Jones, Lawrence M. Keitt, Zed-

ekiah Kidwell, George W. Kittredge, Alfred W. Lamb, James H. Lane, Charles S. Lewis, Samuel Lilly, Caleb Lyon, Fayette McMullen, John McQueen, Daniel Mace, Orsamus B. Matteson, James Maurice, Henry May, James Mcacham, John G. Miller, Smith Miller, George W. Morrison, David A. Noble, Andrew Oliver, Mordecai Oliver, Asa Packer, Jared V. Peck, Rufus W. Peckham, Alexander C. M. Pennington, Bishop Perkins, John Perkins, jr., James T. Pratt, William Preston, Benjamin Pringle, David A. Reese, George Read Riddle, Thomas Ritchey, Sion H. Rogers, Alvah Sabin, Russell Sage, Wilson Shannon, Henry M. Shaw, Otho R. Singleton, Samuel A. Smith, William Smith, William R. Smith, Augustus R. Sollers, Frederick P. Stanton, Alexander H. Stephens, Hestor L. Stevens, Christian M. Straub, David Stuart, John J. Taylor, Nathaniel G. Taylor, Isaac Teller, Michael C. Trout, George Vail, Joshua Vansant, Hiram Walbridge, Mike Walsh, Israel Washburn, jr., Daniel Wells, jr., Daniel B. Wright, Hendrick B. Wright, Richard Yates.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Henn, all further proceedings in the call were dispensed with.

The question then recurring on the demand for the previous question, it was seconded and the main question ordered to be put.

The Speaker having stated the question to be on the motion heretofore submitted by Mr. Hamilton, to commit the said bill to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union,

Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne moved that the bill be laid on the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 69
Nays..... 66

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
William S. Ashe
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William S. Barry
Thomas H. Benton
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Barton Craig
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
David T. Disney
James F. Dowdell
Augustus Drum
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton

Mr. John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
Alfred B. Greenwood
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Andrew J. Harlan
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Harvey H. Johnson
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
George W. Kittredge
John Letcher
William D. Lindsley
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall

Mr. John McNair
John McQueen
Augustus E. Maxwell
John S. Millson
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
Edson B. Olds
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
John S. Phelps
Paulus Powell
William A. Richardson
John Robbins, jr.
Thomas Ruffin
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
George W. Smyth
Andrew Stuart
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
William H. Witte.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Appleton
Edward Ball
Henry Bennett

Mr. Samuel P. Benson
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg

Mr. Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers

Mr. George W. Chase
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
William Cullom
Francis B. Cutting
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
J. Wiley Edmonds
Thomas D. Eliot
Emerson Etheridge
E. Wilder Farley
Joshua R. Giddings
Henry C. Goodwin
Aaron Harlan
John Scott Harrison
Solomon G. Haven
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe

Mr. Charles Hughes
John Kerr
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
Milton S. Latham
Samuel Lilly
James J. Lindley
John McCulloch
James Maurice
Samuel Mayall
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
Jesse O. Norton
Samuel W. Parker
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
Peter Rowe

Mr. Samuel L. Russell
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Charles Skelton
Frederick P. Stanton
Nathan T. Stratton
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. John Wentworth moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

And the question being put on the latter motion,

It was decided in the affirmative,	{ Yeas.....	81
	{ Nays.....	62

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
William S. Ashe
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Thomas H. Benton
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Elijah W. Chastain
Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Burton Craigie
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
David T. Disney
James F. Dowdell
Augustus Drum
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Charles J. Faulkner

Mr. Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Andrew J. Harlan
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Harvey H. Johnson
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
George W. Kittredge
Milton S. Latham
John Letcher
William D. Lindsley
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
John McNair
John McQueen
Augustus E. Maxwell
John S. Millson
William Murray

Mr. Matthias H. Nichols
Edson B. Olds
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Paulus Powell
William A. Richardson
John Robbins, jr.
Thomas Ruffin
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
Samuel A. Smith
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Andrew Stuart
John J. Taylor
Joshua Vansant
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
William H. Witte
Hendrick B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Appleton
Edward Ball
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Francis M. Bristow

Mr. Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
George W. Chase

Mr. Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Thomas D. Eliot

Mr. Emerson Etheridge
 William Everhart
 E. Wilder Farley
 Thomas T. Flagler
 Joshua R. Giddings
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Aaron Harlan
 John Scott Harrison
 Solomon G. Haven
 Isaac E. Heaster
 Clement S. Hill
 Thomas M. Howe
 Charles Hughes
 John Kerr
 James Knox
 William H. Kurtz

Mr. Samuel Lilly
 John McCulloch
 Ner Middleswarth
 Edwin B. Morgan
 Jesse O. Norton
 Samuel W. Parker
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 Richard C. Puryear
 Charles Ready
 David Ritchie
 Peter Rowe
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 William R. Sapp
 James L. Seward

Mr. Origen S. Seymour
 George A. Simmons
 Charles Skelton
 Nathan T. Stratton
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Andrew Tracy
 Charles W. Upham
 Edward Wade
 William A. Walker
 Samuel H. Walley
 Tappan Wentworth
 John Wheeler
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The Speaker then proceeded to call the committees for reports.

When,

Mr. Cobb, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of W. R. W. Cobb, reported a bill (H. R. 750) to amend an act approved the 4th of August, 1854, entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators;" which was read a first and second time.

Pending the question on its engrossment,

Mr. Cobb demanded the previous question, and the House refused to second the same.

After debate,

Mr. Cobb moved to amend the said bill by adding at the end thereof the following, viz:

"And that portion of said act that has been construed as requiring that lands entered or applied for, for the use of an adjoining farm or plantation, shall form a compact body with such farm or plantation, shall hereafter be construed as applicable to any lands cornering or adjoining such farm or plantation; and the portion of said law that has been construed as authorizing the entry of lands, under said graduating act, on filing a declaration of intention to enter lands for the use of the applicant, and for the purpose of settlement and cultivation, shall hereafter be considered as authorizing an entry, in such cases, only on proof of actual settlement and improvement by the party making such application, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior for that purpose, and the oath of the applicants that it is for their own use, and not in trust for another."

After debate,

Mr. Cobb moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. Hamilton moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; which motion was disagreed to.

The question then recurring on the demand for the previous question, it was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said amendment was disagreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Cobb moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Haven, by unanimous consent, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 555) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1856, with the amendments of the Senate thereto, reported the same, recommending agreement to some, disagreement to others, and agreement with amendments to others of the said amendments.

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and, together with the said report, printed.

The morning hour having expired,

Mr. Orr moved that the House proceed to the consideration of the business on the Speaker's table.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Orr, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hibbard reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 569) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Henn, by unanimous consent, presented memorials and joint resolutions of the legislature of the State of Iowa, as follows, viz:

In favor of a repeal of the duty on sugar and molasses;

In favor of the establishment of a garrison at or near the mouth of the Big Sioux river, in Iowa;

Asking for the pay of the militia called out by the United States marshal to repel a supposed armed invasion of Iowa Territory before the boundary line between Missouri and said Territory was defined;

For the establishment of a mail-route from Independence, via Camp Creek and Nautrill, to Janesville;

For the establishment of a mail-route from Bear Grove to Council Bluffs;

For the establishment of a line of steamers to trade regularly between the coast of Africa and the United States;

For the construction of a railroad from the States bordering on the Mississippi river, via the Platte valley and the South Pass, to the Pacific ocean;

Concerning the protection of settlers and emigrants between the Mississippi valley and the Pacific ocean, including the establishment of postal and telegraphic correspondence across the American continent; which said memorials and joint resolutions were severally laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of Richard S. Coxe, trustee of the

Union Land Company, and others, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 751) for his relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Fuller, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Jenness, Chase & Co., for the purpose of reference to the Treasury Department.

Mr. George W. Jones submitted the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the bill of the House No. 569 (civil and diplomatic appropriations) shall cease in five minutes after its consideration is resumed, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same,) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House with such amendments as may have been agreed to.

The same having been read,

Mr. George W. Jones moved the previous question.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Campbell, at 3 o'clock and 55 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock a. m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1855.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit :

By Mr. Haven: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, for an extension of the provisions of the bounty land law of 1850 so as to allow each soldier of the war of 1812 160 acres of land; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Lindley: The memorial of the legislature of the State of Missouri, asking a grant of land for school purposes in township 67, in said State; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Hibbard: The petition of N. G. Upham, commissioner at London, and John A. Thomas, United States agent of claims before said commissioner, for compensation for the services of the latter, and additional compensation for the former.

By Mr. Thurston: The memorial of the legislature of the State of Rhode Island, against the introduction into this country of foreign paupers and criminals, and for the amendment of the naturalization laws so as to require a continuous residence of twenty-one years.

Ordered, That said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Simmons: The letter of R. H. Walworth, of the State of New York, in relation to a custom-house at Plattsburgh, in said State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Kidwell: The petition of citizens of the State of Virginia, on behalf of William Langfelt, of said State, that he be remunerated for losses sustained upon a contract to carry the United States mail;

which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. McMullen: The petition of Agnes Lloyd, widow of William Redshaw, a soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Zollicoffer: The petition of citizens of the State of Tennessee, for a mail-route from Dover, Tennessee, to Hopkinsville, Kentucky; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of Mrs. Elmi White, widow of Captain Thomas R. White, for a pension from date of disability; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Phelps: The petition of citizens of the State of Missouri, for a modification of the pre-emption law for the relief of settlers on lands reserved for railroad purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting the annual statement of the number and designation of passengers arriving in the United States by sea from foreign countries during the year ending December 31, 1854; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

The House having resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. George W. Jones, and pending when the House adjourned, to close debate on the civil and diplomatic bill (H. R. 569) in five minutes after its consideration is resumed, the pending question being on the demand for the previous question, the previous question was seconded and the main question ordered; and, under the operation thereof, the said resolution was agreed to.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Fuller, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (H. R. 752) to regulate the carriage of passengers in steamships and other vessels; which was read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on its passage,

Mr. Fuller moved the previous question; which was seconded, and the main question ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

So the bill was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Fuller moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Dunbar, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (H. R. 753) making appropriations for the working of dredge and snag-boats of the United States for the better protection of the navy, and in aid of the revenue; which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Breckinridge, from the committee on conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (S. 96) "to provide for the payment of such creditors of the late republic of Texas as are comprehended in the act of Congress of September 9, 1850," reported that the said committee, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to the respective houses as follows: That in lieu of the sum specified in the first amendment of the House, the two houses substitute seven million seven hundred and fifty; that the Senate recede from its disagreement to the second amendment of the House; that the Senate recede from its disagreement to the third amendment of the House; in lieu of the words stricken out by the fourth amendment of the House, insert "*also similar releases to said State of Texas*;" that the Senate recede from its disagreement to the fifth amendment; in the sixth amendment of the House insert, in lieu of six million six hundred and fifty, "*seven million seven hundred and fifty*;" that the Senate recede from its disagreement to the seventh amendment of the House.

THOMAS J. RUSK,
CHARLES E. STUART,
SOLOMON FOOT,

Managers on the part of the Senate.

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
THOMAS M. HOWE,

Managers on the part of the House of Representatives.

I do not concur in the above recommendation and report.

G. W. JONES.

The said report having been read,

After debate,

Mr. Thomas M. Howe moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. Hamilton moved that the report be laid on the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 46
Nays..... 139

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William S. Ashe
William Barksdale
Nathan Belcher
John S. Caskie
James S. Chrisman
Williamson B. W. Cobb
Burton Craige
John G. Davis
Alfred P. Edgerton
Henry A. Edmundson
Andrew Ellison
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas J. D. Fuller
Joshua K. Giddings
William O. Goode
William T. Hamilton

Mr. Isaac E. Hiester
George S. Houston
J. Glancy Jones
Zedekiah Kidwell
James Knox
Alfred W. Lamb
John Letcher
Samuel Lilly
James J. Lindley
John McCulloch
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
James Maurice
John S. Milleon
Edwin B. Morgan

Mr. George W. Morrison
William Murray
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Asa Packer
John S. Phelps
Paulus Powell
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
Henry M. Shaw
Charles Skelton
Andrew Tracy
Edward Wade
Ellihu B. Washburne
Richard Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
William Appleton
David J. Bailey
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William S. Barry
Peter H. Bell
Henry Bennett
Thomas H. Benton
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bockock
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Elijah W. Chastain
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Thomas W. Cumming
Carlton B. Curtis
Francis B. Cutting
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
James F. Dowdell
Augustus Drum
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
J. Wiley Edmonds
John M. Elliott
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley

Mr. Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas B. Florence
James Gamble
John Z. Goodrich
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Aaron Harlan
Andrew J. Harlan
John Scott Harrison
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hibbard
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
George W. Jones
Roland Jones
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz
Milton S. Latham
William D. Lindsley
Caleb Lyon
Moses Macdonald
John McNair
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
Smith Miller
Matthias H. Nichols
Edson B. Olds
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Samuel W. Parker
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
John Perkins, jr.
James T. Pratt
William Preston
Richard C. Puryear

Mr. Charles Ready
David A. Reese
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
George A. Simmons
Otho R. Singleton
Samuel A. Smith
William Smith
George W. Smyth
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Nathan T. Stratton
Christian M. Straub
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodorio R. Westbrook
John Wheeler
William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the House refused to lay the report on the table.

The question then recurring on the demand for the previous question, it was seconded, and the main question ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the said report?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 123
Nays..... 79

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
Willie Allen
William Appleton
David J. Bailey
Thomas H. Bayly

Mr. Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William S. Barry
Peter H. Bell
Henry Bennett
George Bliss

Mr. John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell

Mr. Davis Carpenter	Mr. Thomas A. Hendricks	Mr. Peter Rowe
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain	Clement S. Hill	Alvah Sabin
Joseph R. Chandler	Thomas M. Howe	William R. Sapp
George W. Chase	Charles Hughes	James L. Seward
Samuel Clark	Theodore G. Hunt	Origen S. Seymour
Thomas L. Clingman	John Kerr	Wilson Shannon
John P. Cook	William H. Kurtz	George A. Simmons
Moses B. Corwin	Milton S. Latham	Samuel A. Smith
Leander M. Cox	William D. Lindaley	William Smith
Samuel L. Crocker	Caleb Lyon	George W. Smyth
William Cullom	Moses Macdonald	Augustus R. Sollers
Thomas W. Cumming	James A. McDougall	Frederick P. Stanton
Carlton B. Curtis	John McNair	Richard H. Stanton
Francis B. Cutting	Daniel Mace	Hester L. Stevens
Thomas Davis	John B. Macy	Christian M. Straub
John L. Dawson	Orsamus B. Matteson	David Stuart
Alexander De Witt	Augustus E. Maxwell	John J. Taylor
John Dick	Samuel Mayall	John L. Taylor
Edward Dickinson	James Meacham	Nathaniel G. Taylor
James F. Dowdell	Ner Middleswarth	Isaac Teller
Augustus Drum	Smith Miller	Benjamin B. Thurston
William Dunbar	Edson B. Olds	Michael C. Trout
Ben C. Eastman	James L. Orr	William M. Tweed
Norman Eddy	Rufus W. Peckham	Charles W. Upham
Thomas D. Elliot	Alex. C. M. Pennington	Hiram Walbridge
John M. Elliott	John Perkins, jr.	William A. Walker
William H. English	Philip Phillips	Samuel H. Walley
Reuben E. Fenton	James T. Pratt	Edward A. Warren
Thomas B. Florence	William Preston	Daniel Wells, jr.
James Gamble	Richard C. Puryear	John Wentworth
John Z. Goodrich	Charles Ready	Theodore E. Westbrook
Frederick W. Green	David A. Reese	John Wheeler
Ben Edwards Grey	George Read Riddle	William H. Witte
Andrew J. Harlan	David Ritchie	Daniel B. Wright
John Scott Harrison	Thomas Ritchey	Hendrick B. Wright
George Hastings	John Robbins, jr.	Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie	Mr. Galusha A. Grow	Mr. William Murray
James C. Allen	William T. Hamilton	Matthias H. Nichols
William S. Ashe	Aaron Harlan	David A. Noble
William Barksdale	Solomon G. Haven	Jesse O. Norton
Nathan Belcher	Bernhart Henn	Mordecai Oliver
Samuel P. Benson	Harry Hibbard	Asa Packer
Thomas H. Benton	Isaac E. Hiester	Samuel W. Parker
Thomas S. Bocock	George S. Houston	John S. Phelps
William W. Boyce	George W. Jones	Paulus Powell
Samuel Caruthers	J. Glancy Jones	Benjamin Pringle
John S. Caskie	Roland Jones	Thomas Ruffin
Elijah W. Chastain	Zedekiah Kidwell	Samuel L. Russell
James S. Chrisman	George W. Kittredge	Russell Sage
Williamson R. W. Cobb	James Knox	Henry M. Shaw
Burton Craige	Alfred W. Lamb	Jacob Shower
John G. Davis	James H. Lane	Otho R. Singleton
Alfred P. Edgerton	John Letcher	Charles Skelton
Henry A. Edmundson	Samuel Lilly	Nathan T. Stratton
Andrew Ellison	James J. Lindley	Andrew Tracy
Emerson Etheridge	John McCulloch	Joshua Vansant
William Everhart	Fayette McMullen	Edward Wade
E. Wilder Farley	John McQueen	Ellihu B. Washburne
Thomas T. Flagler	James Maurice	Israel Washburn, jr.
Thomas J. D. Fuller	John S. Milledge	Tappan Wentworth
Joshua R. Giddings	Edwin B. Morgan	Richard Yates.
William O. Goode	George W. Morrison	

So the report of the committee of conference was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Breckinridge moved that the vote by which the said report was agreed to be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hibbard, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William H. De Forrest, and that leave be granted for the withdrawal of the same for the purpose of reference to the Senate.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a resolution and bills of the following titles, viz :

S. Res. 43. A resolution for the settlement of the accounts of the late Governor Burt ;

S. 273. An act to authorize and facilitate the construction of a northern, a southern, and a central Pacific railroad and magnetic telegraph through the territories of the United States ;

S. 677. An act for the relief of Mrs. J. Josephine McClellan ; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have passed, without amendment, a bill and joint resolution of this House of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 53. Joint resolution in favor of William Monagan ; and

H. R. 538. An act to establish an additional land district in the State of Wisconsin.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did, on the 17th instant, approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz :

S. 60. An act authorizing the construction of a line of telegraph from the Mississippi or Missouri rivers to the Pacific ocean.

S. 148. An act for the relief of Zachariah Lawrence, of Ohio.

The Senate have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses, on the bill of the Senate (No. 96) " to provide for the payment of such creditors of the late republic of Texas as are comprehended in the act of Congress of September 9, 1850."

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States bills of the following titles, viz :

S. 577. An act authorizing the issue of a register to the Russian-built ship "Aina."

S. 286. An act to provide for holding an additional term of the circuit court of the United States for the district of Missouri, and for holding special terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States for the northern district of Ohio.

Mr. Cobb, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the memorial of a convention of the friends of internal improvement, held in Cedar Bluff, Alabama, reported a bill (H. R. 754) granting to the State of Alabama public lands, in alternate sections, to aid in the construction of railroads from Mobile to Girard ; from Selma to

or near Gunter's Landing, with branches from or near Gadsden, through Wills' and Chattooga valleys, to the eastern State line of Alabama; from Memphis, Tennessee, to a point intersecting the Nashville, Chattanooga, and Charleston railroad, at or near Stephenson, Alabama; from Beard's Bluff, via Elyton and Tuscaloosa, to some point on the Mobile and Ohio railroad; and from Montgomery to the northern State line of Alabama, via Decatur and Athens, in said State; which was read a first and second time.

Pending the question on its engrossment,

Mr. Abercrombie moved to amend the said bill by adding at the end thereof the following, viz:

Sec. — And be it further enacted, That all the benefits and privileges granted to the several railroads mentioned in this act, shall be extended to the States of Alabama and Florida, for the railroad now being constructed from Montgomery, Alabama, to Pensacola, Florida.

Pending which,

Mr. Cobb moved that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on Public Lands.

Pending which,

Mr. Cobb moved the previous question.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hibbard reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 569) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Dawson, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to viz:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, required to inform this House, as soon as practicable, what quantity of land will probably be required to satisfy the claims provided for by the bounty-land bill recently passed by the Senate of the United States, and now pending before this House.

Mr. Campbell moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn until Friday next; which motion was disagreed to.

On motion of Mr. Sapp, by unanimous consent, the resolution of the Senate (No. 38) for the relief of Rebecca Hinton, was taken from the Speaker's table and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said resolution be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Sapp moved that the vote by which the said resolution was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Roland Jones, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be requested to furnish to the

House the report and accompanying maps of Col. C. A. Fuller; of his late survey of the Red river, in the region of the Raft.

And then,

On motion of Mr. John G. Davis, at 4 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock a. m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1855.

The following petitions were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit :

By Mr. Haven : The petition of citizens of the State of New York, for an extension of the provisions of the bounty land acts, so as to grant 160 acres of land to each soldier who served in the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Goodwin : The petition of citizens of Oswego county, New York, of like import with the foregoing; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Hughes : Two petitions of citizens of the State of New York, Warren county, of like import with the foregoing; which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Goodwin : The petition of citizens of Eaton, in the State of New York, against the extension of the patents of McCormick, Hussey, and Moore & Hascall, for improvements in reaping machines; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Orr : The petition of D. O. Hare, for an appropriation to test certain improvements in loading cannon, and also for preventing the heating of cannon when in action; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Upham : The petition of Benjamin H. Corliss, to change the name of the schooner "Sampson" to that of "Vandalia," and to grant her a register in her new name; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Lewis : The petition of citizens of the State of Virginia, for an appropriation to improve the navigation of the Ohio river at the mouth of the Guyandotte river; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne, from the committee of conference, on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the House (No. 9) entitled "An act for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands," reported that the committee having conferred together, had unanimously agreed to recommend to the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively, the following proviso to the first section of said act, instead of the one adopted by the Senate :

"*Provided*, That in all cases where any State through its constituted authorities may have sold or disposed of any tract or tracts of said land to any individual or individuals prior to the entry, sale, or location of the same under the pre-emption or other laws of the United States, no patent shall be issued by the President for such tract or tracts of land until such State through its constituted authorities shall release its claim thereto in such form as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior : *And provided further*, That if such State shall not within ninety

days from the passage of this act, through its constituted authorities, return to the General Land Office of the United States a list of all the lands sold as aforesaid, together with the dates of such sale, and the names of the purchasers, the patents shall be issued immediately thereafter, as directed in the foregoing section."

E. B. WASHBURNE,
J. LETCHER,
JOHN L. DAWSON,

Managers on the part of the House of Representatives.

CHARLES E. STUART,
S. A. DOUGLAS,
JOHN SLIDELL,

Managers on the part of the Senate.

The same having been read,

Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. Greenwood moved that the report be laid on the table; which motion was disagreed to.

The question then recurring on the demand for the previous question, it was seconded and the main question ordered; and, under the operation thereof, the said report was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dawson moved that the vote by which the said report was agreed to be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

The House having, as the regular order of business, proceeded to the consideration of the motion submitted by Mr. John G. Davis on Monday last, to suspend the rules so as to enable him to report from the Committee for the District of Columbia a bill "to organize an institution for the insane of the army and navy and of the District of Columbia, in the said District,"

The question was put, Will the House agree thereto?

And it was decided in the affirmative; two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

Mr. John G. Davis thereupon reported his said bill, (H. R. 775,) which was read a first and second time.

Pending the question on its engrossment,

Mr. John G. Davis moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

On motion of Mr. Middleswarth, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the bill of the Senate (No. 511) entitled "An act in addition to certain acts granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States," be printed.

The House having resumed the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 754) granting to the State of Alabama public lands, in alternate sections, to aid in the construction of railroads from Mobile to Girard;

from Selma, to or near Gunter's Landing, with branches from or near Gadsden, through Wills' and Chattooga valleys, to the eastern State line of Alabama; from Memphis, Tennessee, to a point intersecting the Nashville, Chattanooga, and Charleston railroad, at or near Stephenson, Alabama; from Beard's Bluff, via Elyton and Tuscaloosa, to some point on the Mobile and Ohio railroad; and from Montgomery to the northern State line of Alabama, via Decatur and Athens, in said State;

Mr. Cobb withdrew the demand for the previous question, and the motion to recommit heretofore submitted by him, and moved to amend the pending amendment by adding thereto the following, viz :

" Provided further, That no lands shall be granted to any part or parts of said roads now completed."

Pending which,

Mr. Cobb moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. Craige moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Etheridge moved that the said bill and pending amendments be laid on the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas 97
Nays 78

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
David J. Bailey
Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennet
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
Samuel A. Bridges
Davis Carpenter
John S. Caskie
George W. Chase
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Thomas L. Clingman
Leander M. Cox
Burton Craige
Samuel L. Crocker
Carlton B. Curtis
Francis B. Cutting
John L. Dawson
Edward Dickinson
Augustus Drum
Norman Eddy
John M. Elliott
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble

Mr. Joshua R. Giddings
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Charles Hughes
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
John Kerr
Zedekiah Kidwell
George W. Kittredge
William H. Kurtz
James H. Lane
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
Fayette McMullen
James Maurice
Henry May
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
George W. Morrison
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols

Mr. Andrew Oliver
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Paulus Powell
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David Ritchie
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Charles Skelton
Richard H. Stanton
Nathan T. Stratton
Andrew Stuart
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Andrew Tracy
Michael C. Trout
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
Samuel H. Walley
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William S. Barry
Thomas H. Benton
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Samuel Caruthers
Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
William Cullom
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt
John Dick
David T. Disney
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
William H. English
Thomas B. Florence

Mr. Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Sampson W. Harris
Wiley P. Harris
John Scott Harrison
Bernhart Hean
George S. Houston
Theodore G. Hunt
Roland Jones
James Knox
Milton S. Latham
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindsley
James A. McDougall
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
Augustus E. Maxwell
Samuel Mayall
David A. Noble
Edson B. Olds
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips

Mr. James T. Pratt
David A. Reese
William A. Richardson
Thomas Ritchey
Peter Rowe
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
Otho R. Singleton
Samuel A. Smith
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
David Stuart
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Edward A. Warren
Ellihu B. Washburne
John Wentworth
Theodorie R. Westbrook
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Hamilton moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 592. An act to provide for holding the United States courts in the northern and southern districts of Florida, in case of the sickness or disability of either of the judges of those districts;

H. R. 534. An act concerning the apprehension and delivery of deserters from foreign vessels in the ports of the United States—severally without amendment.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. J. Glancy Jones moved that the rules be suspended so as to enable him to report, from the Committee of Claims, the bill of the Senate (No. 523) entitled "An act to establish a court for the investigation of claims against the United States."

Pending which,

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary, notifying the House that he did, on the 21st of February, approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 609. An act for the relief of Henry H. Marsh.

H. R. 689. An act to establish the office of surveyor general of Utah, and to grant land for school and university purposes.

H. R. 703. An act for the relief of Rebecca Winn, widow and executrix of the last will and testament of Timothy Winn, deceased, late a purser in the navy of the United States.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hibbard reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 569) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending June 30, 1856, and for other purposes, had found itself without a quorum, and that he had caused the roll to be called, when it appeared that the following named members were absent :

James Abercrombie, James C. Allen, Willis Allen, Edward Ball, William Barksdale, Nathan Belcher, P. H. Bell, Henry Bennett, William H. Bissell, George Bliss, William W. Boyce, Francis M. Bristow, Robert M. Bugg, Lewis D. Campbell, Davis Carpenter, Alfred H. Colquitt, Samuel L. Crocker, William Cullom, Thomas W. Cumming, Carlton B. Curtis, John L. Dawson, William B. W. Dent, Augustus Drum, Ben C. Eastman, John M. Elliott, Charles J. Faulkner, John R. Franklin, Joshua R. Giddings, Henry C. Goodwin, Frederick W. Green, Ben Edwards Grey, Galusha A. Grow, Junius Hillyer, Colin M. Ingersoll, Harvey H. Johnson, John Kerr, George W. Kittredge, James H. Lane, Milton S. Latham, James A. McDougall, Daniel Mace, John B. Macy, James Meacham, John G. Miller, George W. Morrison, Matthias H. Nichols, David A. Noble, Jesse O. Norton, Sion H. Rogers, William R. Sapp, Wilson Shannon, Henry M. Shaw, George A. Simmons, William R. Smith, Frederick P. Stanton, Alexander H. Stephens, Isaac Teller, Benjamin B. Thurston, George Vail, Hiram Walbridge, Samuel H. Walley, Mike Walsh, John Wheeler, Hendrick B. Wright.

A quorum having appeared,

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hibbard reported that the committee having again found itself without a quorum, he had caused the roll to be called, when it appeared that the following named members were absent :

James Abercrombie, Willis Allen, William S. Ashe, William S. Barry, P. H. Bell, Henry Bennett, Thomas H. Benton, William H. Bissell, George Bliss, John C. Breckinridge, Preston S. Brooks, Lewis D. Campbell, Elijah W. Chastain, James S. Chrisman, William M. Churchwell, Alfred H. Colquitt, John P. Cook, Leander M. Cox, Burton Craige, William B. W. Dent, Ben C. Eastman, Henry A. Edmundson, John M. Elliott, Charles J. Faulkner, Reuben E. Fenton, John R. Franklin, Thomas J. D. Fuller, Joshua R. Giddings, William O. Goode, Henry C. Goodwin, Frederick W. Green, Ben Edwards Grey, Galusha A. Grow, Wiley P. Harris, Junius Hillyer, Thomas M. Howe, Colin M. Ingersoll, Harvey H. Johnson, William H. Kurtz, James H. Lane, John Letcher, Caleb Lyon, John McNair, Daniel Mace, John G. Miller, Matthias H. Nichols, Edson B. Olds, Asa Packer, Samuel W. Parker, James T. Pratt, Thomas Ritchey, Sion H. Rogers, Peter Rowe, Alvah Sabin, Samuel A. Smith, Augustus R. Sollers, Richard H. Stanton, Alexander H. Stephens, Andrew Stuart, Nathaniel G. Taylor, George

Vail, Edward Wade, William A. Walker, Mike Walsh, Edward A. Warren, Tappan Wentworth, Theodor R. Westbrook, Richard Yates.

A quorum having appeared,

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hibbard reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 569) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending June 30, 1855, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. May, by unanimous consent, from the select committee of thirteen, to whom was referred the memorial of the Board of Managers of the Washington National Monument Society, made a report thereon, accompanied by a joint resolution (H. Res. 58) making an appropriation towards the erection of the Washington national monument; which resolution was read a first and second time.

Mr. May moved that there be printed one hundred thousand copies extra of the said report; which motion, under the rule, was referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. May also moved that the usual number of copies of the said resolution and report be printed.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Macdonald, at 4 o'clock and 25 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock a. m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1855.

The following petitions and memorandum were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Ashe: The petition of citizens of the State of North Carolina, for a mail-route from Clinton, in Sampson county, to George Robinson's, a distance of fourteen miles, in said State.

By Mr. Israel Washburne: The petition of citizens of Hancock and Penobscot counties, in the State of Maine, for a mail-route from Bangor, via Brown village, East Orrington, &c., to Bucksport, in said State.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Peck: The petition of the heir and legal representative of Sarah Rockwell, widow of William Rockwell, a soldier of the Revolution, for arrears of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Lindley: The petition of citizens of the State of Missouri, for a mail-route from Milan, Missouri, via Unionville, to Centreville, Iowa; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Gamble: The petition of citizens of Centre county, Pennsylvania, for the distribution of the proceeds of the public lands among the several States of the Union, according to their population, for educational purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Craige: Memorandum for a mail-route from Shelby, in Cleveland county, North Carolina, via Mull's Store, to Morgantown, in said State; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones, by unanimous consent, .

Ordered, That the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the Senate (No. 96) entitled "An act to provide for the payment of such creditors of the late republic of Texas as are comprehended in the act of Congress of September 9, 1850," heretofore agreed to by the two houses, be amended by striking out the words "six hundred and fifty" in the third line of the second page of said report, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "*five hundred and fifty*."

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills and joint resolutions of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 538. An act to establish an additional land district in the State of Wisconsin.

H. R. 706. An act increasing the pension of Anthony W. Bayard, of Bellefont, in the State of Pennsylvania.

H. Res. 53. Joint resolution in favor of William Monagan.

S. 96. An act to provide for the payment of such creditors of the late republic of Texas as are comprehended in the act of Congress of September 9, 1850.

S. Res. 38. A resolution for the relief of Rebecca Hinton.

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 186. An act to provide for the final settlement of the claims of the officers of the revolutionary army, and of the widows and orphan children of those who died in the service.

S. 514. An act granting to railroad companies three years in which to pay the duties on iron imported for railroad purposes.

The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 527. An act for the relief of Lot Davis; and

H. R. 242. An act authorizing the purchase or construction of four additional revenue cutters; the former without, and the latter with an amendment; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did, on the 21st instant, approve and sign a bill of the following title, viz:

S. 286. An act to provide for holding an additional term of the circuit court of the United States for the district of Missouri, and for holding special terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States for the northern district of Ohio.

The Senate have agreed to a resolution providing for an adjournment

sine die of the two houses on the night of 3d of March, at 12 o'clock ; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Ingersoll, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Lieut. M. F. Maury, United States navy, in behalf of the Memphis Convention, and in favor of the free navigation of the river Amazon, made a report thereon ; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

By unanimous consent, the Speaker proceeded to call the committees for reports for the purpose of reference, with the understanding that no bill so reported should be put upon its passage, nor should a motion to reconsider be entertained ; when,

Mr. Ready, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 590) entitled " An act for the relief of Franklin Chase," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

Mr. Giddings, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 484) entitled " An act for the relief of Gad Humphreys," reported the same with a recommendation that it do not pass, accompanied by a report in writing thereon.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and that the bill and report be printed.

Mr. Fenton, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 529) to require the employment of apprentices in the commercial marine of the United States, reported the same with amendments, accompanied by a report in writing thereon.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and that the bill and report be printed.

Mr. Tappan Wentworth, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Little and Jacob Felch, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 756) for their relief ; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Aaron Harlan, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (H. R. 757) further to amend an act entitled " An act to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam, and for other purposes ;" which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Aaron Harlan, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolution of the Senate (No. 3) for the relief of the owners of the brig " Kate Boyd," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said resolution be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

Mr. Hiester, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was

referred the bill of the Senate (No. 544) entitled "An act for the relief of Mary Felch, widow of Reverend Chaeever Felch, deceased," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

On motion of Mr. Hiester,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Sarah Viney, sister and administratrix of John Viney, and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Disney, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 272) entitled "An act for the relief of Mark Bean and Richard H. Bean, of Arkansas," reported the same with an amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

On motion of Mr. Disney,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 497) entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited period, the act to ascertain and settle private land claims in the State of California;" and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Bennett, from the same committee, reported a bill (H. R. 758) granting public lands for railroad purposes, in the manner and upon the conditions therein mentioned; which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hestor L. Stevens, from the same committee, reported a bill (H. R. 759) to authorize the full satisfaction of certain claims to revolutionary bounty lands allowed by the State of Virginia; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Henn,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 45) entitled "An act for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands," and that the same be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Henn,

Ordered, That the same committee be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of citizens of Iowa, for a grant of land in aid of the "Air-line Central Railroad;" the petitions of citizens of Iowa, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, in behalf of the Fort Wayne and Platte Valley air-line railroad; the petitions of citizens of, and the proceedings of public meetings in, Iowa, in behalf of a railroad from Burlington to the Missouri river; the petitions of citizens of Iowa and Illinois, in behalf of the "Lyons Central Railroad Company;" the petitions of citizens of Iowa, in behalf of the Fort Madison, Keosauqua, and Bloomfield railroad; and the petition of citizens of Keokuk, Iowa, asking that the Iowa land bill, as it passed the Senate, may be passed by the House of Representatives; and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Henn, on leave, introduced a bill (H. R. 760) to provide for telegraphic and express mail communication between the Mississippi

river and the Pacific ocean; which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dunbar, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 436) entitled "An act for the improvement of the navigation of the Patapsco river, and to render the port of Baltimore accessible to the war steamers of the United States," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

Mr. Dunbar, from the same committee, reported a bill (H. R. 761) to complete the improvement of the harbor of Chicago, in the State of Illinois; which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Daniel T. Jones, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Searl & Co., for extra services rendered the Post Office Department of the United States, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 762) for their relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Daniel T. Jones, from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolution of the Senate (No. 26) entitled "A resolution for the settlement of the claim of the late firm of C. M. Strader and Company, mail contractors," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said resolution be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

On motion of Mr. Daniel T. Jones,

Ordered, That the same committee be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 265) entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Jemison and the legal representatives of Benjamin Williamson," and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Dunbar having, by unanimous consent, withdrawn the motion heretofore submitted by him to reconsider the vote by which the bill of the Senate (No. 68) entitled "An act to remove obstructions to navigation in the mouth of the Mississippi river at the Southwest Pass and Pass à l'Outre," was referred to the Committee on Commerce, reported the said bill from the said committee without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

Mr. Benton, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 767) to impose a stamp duty on bank notes and paper currency of small denominations; which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Ball,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Elisha R. Sprague, trustee of William B. Heart, and that the same be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That the same committee be discharged from the further

consideration of the petition of John Fox and eight other Tuscarora Indians, and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. McDougall, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the memorial of Uriah P. Monroe, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 763) for his relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. John G. Davis,

Ordered, That the Committee for the District of Columbia be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 552) "to provide for the purchase of so much of the Columbia turnpike as is within the limits of the District of Columbia, and making the same free," and of the petition of citizens of the District of Columbia, for the incorporation of a savings institution, and that the same be laid upon the table.

Mr. Hendrick B. Wright, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 445) entitled "An act for the relief of Madalena Van Ness, widow of Cornelius P. Van Ness, deceased," reported the same back with an amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

Mr. Crocker, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of David Noble, an officer of the Revolution, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 764) for their relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Drum, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of William Craig, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 765) for his relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Shower, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 633) entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Gerard Wood, deceased," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

Mr. Peckham, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 398) entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Captain Joshua Chamberlain, deceased," reported the same back without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

Mr. Nichols, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of James Lindsay, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 766) for his relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Nichols, from the same committee, to whom was referred the

petition of William Dempsey, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 768) for his relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Nichols, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 494) "for the relief of the heirs of Jacob Moyer," reported the same back without amendment, accompanied by a report in writing.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Nichols, from the same committee, to whom were referred the petitions of the heirs of Louis Lebeaume, Catharine Strubing, widow of James Strubing, and William A. Jacobs and Harrison Jacobs, made adverse reports thereon; which were laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Roland Jones, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of J. L. Hickman, made an adverse report thereon; which was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Roland Jones,

Ordered, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of David Maynard and Edmund Sylvester, of Washington Territory, and that the same be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Roland Jones,

Ordered, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 222) to provide for the unpaid claims of the officers and soldiers of the Virginia State and continental lines of the revolutionary army, and that said bill be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Pringle, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of Mary Jemison, deceased, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 769) for their relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Kew-ai-zie O-shaw-a-nah, chief of the Sault de Ste. Marie band of Chippewa Indians, and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Orr, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Felix Argenti, made an adverse report thereon; which was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Haven, by unanimous consent,

The bill from the Senate (No. 498) entitled "An act making appropriations for deepening the channel over the St. Clair flats, and for deepening the channel over the flats of the St. Mary's river, in the State of Michigan, was taken from the Speaker's table, read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Seward, by unanimous consent,

The bill from the Senate (No. 549) entitled "An act to appropriate money to remove the obstructions in the Savannah river, below the city of Savannah, in the State of Georgia," was taken from the Speaker's table, read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Ashe,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Mrs. Anna W. Angus, widow of the late Captain Samuel Angus, of the United States navy, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Florence,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Thomas Cahill, the brother of Patrick Cahill, Mary Portman, widow of Henry Portman, and Isabella Duffy, widow of Charles Duffy, and that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ashe, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph White, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 770) for his relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashe, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Andrew Armstrong, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 771) for his relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Thurston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Patents be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Joseph Nock, Andrew Morse, jr., Alexander Mitchell, and John Pettibone, for himself and the other heirs of Daniel Pettibone, deceased, and that the same be laid upon the table.

Mr. Bocock, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Harrison Hough, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 772) for his relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bocock, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 481) entitled "An act for the relief of Captain Thomas Ap Catesby Jones," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

Mr. Florence, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 213) entitled "An act for the relief of Otway H. Berryman," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Macdonald,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 302) entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Joyner," and that the same be laid on the table and printed.

Mr. John Perkins, jr., from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to whom was referred the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the President of the United States inform this House, if not incompatible with the public interest, what was the object or objects of the meeting or conference of the American ministers at Ostend, and whether said meeting or conference was in obedience to instructions from the Secretary of State; what the said instructions were, and what was the result of said meeting or conference,—reported the same with a recommendation that it be agreed to.

Pending the question on agreeing thereto,

Mr. Chamberlain moved that the resolution be laid on the table; which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put, Will the House agree to the said resolution?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

So the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. John J. Taylor, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas W. Mather and William R. Glover, made an adverse report thereon; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Farley,

Ordered, That the Committee on Territories be discharged from the further consideration of the memorials of citizens of the Territory of Minnesota, asking for the construction of the following military roads, viz:

From St. Paul, by the way of Little Canada, to Rum river;

From Winona to Fort Ridgely; and

Opposite to the town of Brownsville;
and that the same be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Middleswarth,

Ordered, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Sally Shed, widow of Daniel Shed; and of the legal representatives of Major Edward Waller; and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Flagler, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made adverse reports upon the petitions of the following-named persons: Ebenezer Benjamin; Richard Pattison; Jane Gaston, widow of Joseph Gaston; Mary Bensell, widow of George Bensell; and Joseph Jones; which were severally laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Smith Miller, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Mary Miller, one of the heirs of Elnathan Sears, deceased; of the heirs of John and Ann Winslow; and of David Baylis; which were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Rowe,

Ordered, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of the following named persons: Joseph Kirk, of Morgan county, Ohio; George W. Samson and Maria S. Johnson; Sally Ketchum, widow of Joseph Ketchum; and Susan Scott, widow of William Scott; and that the same be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Edmundson,

Ordered, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Smith Crane, and that the same be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Edmands,

Ordered, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of the following-named persons: Lathrop Foster, Thomas Priddy, Thomas W. McMahon, Hezekiah Wingate, Warren Drake, and Elisha Besse; and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Edmands, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom were referred the petitions of Jesse French, P. M. Kent, and Mary F. P. Levely, made reports thereon, accompanied by bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 773. A bill for the relief of Jesse French, of Braintree, Massachusetts;

H. R. 774. A bill to enable P. M. Kent, late pension agent in New Albany, Indiana, to adjust and settle his accounts;

H. R. 775. A bill for the relief of Mary F. B. Levely; which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hendricks, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 603) for granting a pension to Dolly Empson, reported the same with an amendment, accompanied by a report in writing thereon.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and that the bill and report be printed.

Mr. Hendricks, from the same committee, to whom were referred the petitions of Robert H. Stevens, Daniel Nickel, and Charles H. Pointer, made reports thereon, accompanied by bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 776. A bill for the relief of Robert H. Stevens;

H. R. 777. A bill for the relief of Charles H. Pointer; and

H. R. 778. A bill for the relief of Daniel Nickel;

which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hendricks, from the same committee, reported a bill (H. R. 779) to amend and extend certain acts granting pensions; which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hendricks, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 603) entitled "An act for the relief of Mrs.

Nancy Weatherford, widow of Colonel William Weatherford, of the 1st regiment Illinois volunteers, in the Mexican war," reported the same with amendments.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Ordered, That the said committee be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 412) entitled "An act for the relief of Mrs. Catharine Dickerson," and that the same be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Ordered, That the said committee be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Irene G. Scarritt, widow of Jeremiah M. Scarritt, and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Andrew Stuart, from the same committee, to whom were referred the petitions of George W. Whittier and of Ozias Hart, made reports thereon, accompanied by bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 780. A bill for the relief of George W. Whittier, of Newfield, in the State of Maine;

H. R. 781. A bill granting a bounty-land warrant to Ozias Hart, of Seneca county, Ohio; which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bridges, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 328) entitled "An act for the relief of Obed Hussey," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

Mr. Hill, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Cyrus H. McCormick, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 782) for his relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Faulkner, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

S. 453. An act for the relief of Brevet Brigadier General John B. Walbach, of the United States army;

S. 538. An act for the relief of Jacob Dodson;

S. 552. An act for the relief of George W. Torrence—
reported the same severally without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

Mr. Faulkner, from the same committee, to whom were referred the petitions of the heirs of Colonel John Hardin, of Mrs. Anne W. Butler, and of Joseph Clymer, made reports thereon, accompanied by bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 783. A bill for the relief of the heirs of the late Colonel John Hardin;

H. R. 784. A bill for the relief of Mrs. Anne W. Butler;

H. Res. 59. Joint resolution for the relief of Joseph Clymer; which bills and resolution were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills, joint resolution, and reports, ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Faulkner,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of the following-named persons: Charles W. Ogden; W. F. Reynolds; Nathan Dickerson, jr.; S. T. Van Deusen; of citizens of Vermont, stockholders in the Concord Railroad Corporation; Julia Ann Morgan; John Prentis; S. Calvert Ford; William Hutchinson; Robert Kirkham; Gustavus Heiberg; and John C. McFerran; and that the same be laid on the table.

Mr. Faulkner, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 785. A bill authorizing the payment to certain clerks in the Third Auditor's office an additional allowance out of the military contribution fund;

H. R. 786. A bill explanatory of an act entitled "An act to increase the pay of the rank and file of the army and to encourage enlistments;"

H. R. 787. A bill for the improvement of certain military roads in the Territory of New Mexico;

which were severally read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Richard H. Stanton, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the motion of Mr. May, relative to the printing of extra copies of the report of the select committee on the subject of the Washington National Monument, reported the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That there be printed for the use of the members of the House, one hundred thousand extra copies of the report of the select committee on the subject of the Washington Monument.

The same having been read,

Mr. Warren moved that it be laid on the table; which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put, Will the House agree to the said resolution?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

So the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Richard H. Stanton moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Letcher, from the select committee on the subject of Colt's patent and other bills before the House, submitted a report in writing.

Ordered, That the said committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the said report and accompanying journal of proceedings be laid on the table and printed.

On motion of Mr. Pennington, by unanimous consent,

The bill from the Senate (No. 530) entitled "An act for continuing the improvements in the harbor of Newark, New Jersey," was taken

from the Speaker's table, read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Boyce, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Cassius M. Clay, made a report thereon accompanied by a bill (No. 788) for his relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Haven, by unanimous consent,

The bill from the Senate (No. 565) entitled "An act for the improvement of the navigation of the Ohio river," was taken from the Speaker's table, read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Andrew J. Harlan, from the Committee on Mileage, reported a bill (No. 789) "to change the mode of compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the delegates from the Territories;" which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Warren, by unanimous consent, presented a joint resolution of the legislature of the State of Arkansas, requesting the establishment of a mail-route from Huntsville, via Kingston and Samuel Whiteley's, to Jasper; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. McQueen,

Ordered, That the Committee on Territories be discharged from the further consideration of the resolutions of the legislative assembly of Washington Territory asking for an appropriation of ten thousand dollars to complete the geological reconnoissance of the said Territory, and that they be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. McQueen,

Ordered, That the Committee on Territories be discharged from the further consideration of the resolutions of the legislative assembly of Washington Territory relative to the debts due from the marshal of the Territory of Oregon, and that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. McQueen,

Ordered, That the Committee on Territories be discharged from the further consideration of the resolutions of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Oregon relative to a territorial road from Bellingham bay to the Dalles of the Columbia river, and that the same be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. McQueen,

Ordered, That the Committee on Territories be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Washington relative to an amendment of the organic law of the Territory, and that the same be laid upon the table.

All the committees having been called for reports,

The House proceeded to the consideration of the motion heretofore submitted by Mr. J. Glancy Jones to suspend the rules, so as to enable him to report from the Committee of Claims the bill of the Senate

(No. 523) entitled "An act to establish a court for the investigation of claims against the United States."

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the affirmative,

Two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Jones thereupon reported the said bill without amendment.

Pending the question on its third reading,

Mr. J. Glancy Jones moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. Skelton moved that the bill be laid on the table; which motion was disagreed to.

The question then recurring on the demand for the previous question, it was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the bill was ordered to be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on its passage,

Mr. J. Glancy Jones moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 148
Nays..... 46

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie

William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William S. Ashe
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
Samuel A. Bridges
Preston S. Brooks
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
William M. Churchwell
Samuel Clark
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis
Francis B. Cutting
Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt
John Dick
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
James F. Dowdell
Augustus Drum
William Dunbar

Mr. Ben C. Eastman

Norman Eddy
J. Wiley Edmonds
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Eliot
William Everhart
Charles J. Faulkner
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
Joshua R. Giddings
William O. Goode
John Z. Goodrich
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Aaron Harlan
Andrew J. Harlan
John Scott Harrison
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
George S. Houston
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Colin M. Ingersoll
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt

Mr. John Kerr

Zedekiah Kidwell
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
Milton S. Latham
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
James J. Lindley
Caleb Lyon
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
John McNair
John McQueen
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Henry May
James Meacham
Ner Middlesworth
John S. Milleson
George W. Morris
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
John Perkins, jr.
Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell
James T. Pratt
William Preston

Mr. Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
Peter Rowe
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Jacob Shower
Samuel A. Smith

Mr. William Smith
George W. Smyth
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Christian M. Straub
David Stuart
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy

Mr. Michael C. Trout
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Israel Washburn, jr.
John Wentworth
Theodoric E. Westbrook
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright
Richard Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. David J. Bailey
Edward Ball
Henry Bennett
Davis Carpenter
John S. Caskie
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Burton Craige
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
Cyrus L. Dunham
Alfred P. Edgerton
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge
Henry C. Goodwin
William T. Hamilton

Mr. Daniel T. Jones
Alfred W. Lamb
William D. Lindaley
Fayette McMullen
James Maurice
Augustus E. Maxwell
Samuel Mayall
Smith Miller
Edwin B. Morgan
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
Andrew Oliver
Bishop Perkins
John S. Phelps
Thomas Ritchey

Mr. John Robbins, jr.
Thomas Ruffin
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
Henry M. Shaw
George A. Simmons
Charles Skelton
Nathan T. Stratton
Andrew Stuart
William M. Tweed
Joshua Vansant
Mike Walsh
Ellihu B. Washburne
John Wheeler
William H. Witte.

So the bill was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. J. Glancy Jones moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table ; which latter motion was agreed to.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary ; which was handed in at the Speaker's table.

Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill (H. R. 790) for carrying into effect the convention upon the subject of claims between the United States and her Britannic Majesty, of the 8th of February, 1853 ; which was read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Houston, the rules having been suspended for that purpose, the House proceeded to the further consideration of the said bill.

Pending the question on its engrossment,

Mr. Houston moved the previous question ; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

Pending the question on its passage,

Mr. Houston moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. Giddings moved that the vote by which it was ordered to be read a third time be reconsidered ; which motion was disagreed to.

The question then recurring on the demand for the previous question, it was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the bill was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Houston moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Campbell, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the testimony of A. Hunt, hereto attached, taken by the select committee of the last session, to investigate the alteration made to the Minnesota land bill, and which has not heretofore been published, be printed as a part of the report of said committee.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 523. An act to establish a court for the investigation of claims against the United States;

H. R. 534. An act concerning the apprehension and delivery of deserters from foreign vessels in the ports of the United States;

H. R. 592. An act to provide for holding United States courts in the northern and southern districts of Florida, in case of the sickness or disability of either of the judges of those districts;

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hibbard reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 569) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending June 30, 1856, and for other purposes, had directed him to report the same with sundry amendments.

Pending the question on agreeing to the said amendments,

Mr. Houston moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. Mace moved, at 2 o'clock and 55 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

The question then recurring on the demand for the previous question, it was seconded and the main question ordered to be put.

Mr. Orr moved that the vote by which the main question was ordered be reconsidered; which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Sage moved, at 2 o'clock and 57 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

Under the operation of the previous question, all of the said amendments, except the 30th, 41st, and 58th, were severally read and agreed to.

Pending the question on agreeing to the 30th amendment,

On motion of Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne, at 3 o'clock and 25 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock a. m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1855.

The following petitions and other papers were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Richardson: The petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, for a mail-route from McComb to Oquomka, in said State;

Also, two petitions of citizens of the State of Illinois, for a mail-route from McComb to Plymouth, in said State.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Churchwell: The petition of George L. Patterson, minor heir of John W. Patterson, who died in the military service of the United States, for ten years' half-pay.

By Mr. Noble: The petition of John C. Young, an invalid soldier of the war of 1812, for increase of his pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Ingersoll: The petition of H. O. Claughton, for relief on account of losses sustained by him as commercial agent from this government to the island of St. Martin's; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Matteson: The petition of Jed. Osborn, an invalid soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension.

By Mr. McMullen: Additional papers in the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of John Dedmore.

Ordered, That the said petition and papers be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills and joint resolutions of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 706. An act increasing the pension of Anthony W. Bayard, of Bellefont, in the State of Pennsylvania.

S. Res. 38. A resolution for the relief of Rebecca Hinton.

H. Res. 53. Joint resolution in favor of William Monagan.

S. 96. An act to provide for the payment of such creditors of the late republic of Texas as are comprehended in the act of Congress of September 9, 1850.

H. R. 538. An act to establish an additional land district in the State of Wisconsin.

S. 523. An act to establish a court for the investigation of claims against the United States.

H. R. 534. An act concerning the apprehension and delivery of deserters from foreign vessels in the ports of the United States.

H. R. 592. An act to provide for holding the United States courts in the northern and southern districts of Florida, in case of the sickness or disability of either of the judges of those districts.

Mr. Giddings rose and claimed, as a question of privilege, that a certain paper in the nature of a protest against the practice, represented by him as having lately grown up in the House, which precludes a member from giving his reasons for voting upon a bill, be entered upon the journal.

The Speaker having decided that no question of privilege was presented by the gentleman,

Mr. Giddings took an appeal therefrom.

Pending the question on the said appeal,

Mr. Orr moved that it be laid on the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas 137
Nays 46

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
David J. Bailey
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Peter H. Bell
William W. Boyce
John C. Brockbridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Preston S. Brooks
Robert M. Bagg
Samuel Caruthers
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Leander M. Cox
Burton Craige
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
David T. Disney
James F. Dowdell
Augustus Drum
William Dumbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
Henry A. Edmundson
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
E. Wilder Farley
Charles J. Faulkner
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
William O. Goode
Alfred B. Greenwood

Mr. Ben Edwards Grey
William T. Hamilton
Sampeon W. Harris
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
George S. Houston
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
Zedekiah Kidwell
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindeley
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
Fayette McMullen
John McNair
John McQueen
Henry May
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
George W. Morrison
William Murray
David A. Noble
Edson B. Oids
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps

Mr. Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell
William Preston
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
Thomas Ruffin
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
Charles Skelton
Samuel A. Smith
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
Augustus R. Sillers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Nathan T. Stratton
Christian M. Straub
David Stuart
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Andrew Tracy
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Joshua Vansant
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Mike Walsh
Edward A. Warren
Tappan Wentworth
Theodoric R. Westbrook
William H. Witte
Hendrick B. Wright
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Henry Bennett

Mr. Samuel P. Benson
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter

Mr. Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
George W. Chase
Moses B. Corwin

Mr. Samuel L. Crocker
 Thomas Davis
 Alexander De Witt
 John Dick
 Edward Dickinson
 Thomas D. Eliot
 Thomas T. Flagler
 Joshua R. Giddings
 John Z. Goodrich
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Aaron Harlan
 John Scott Harrison
 Thomas M. Howe

Mr. James Knox
 Orsamus B. Matteson
 James Maurice
 James Meacham
 Ner Middleswarth
 Edwin B. Morgan
 Matthias H. Nichols
 Jesse O. Norton
 Samuel W. Parker
 Jared V. Peck
 Benjamin Pringle
 Samuel L. Russell

Mr. Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 William R. Sapp
 George A. Simmons
 Andrew Stuart
 Charles W. Upham
 Edward Wade
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 John Wentworth
 John Wheeler
 Richard Yates.

So the said appeal was laid on the table, and the question submitted by Mr. Giddings was not entertained.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the amendment of this House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 554) entitled "An act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1856, and for other purposes."

The Senate have also agreed to the amendment of this House to the report of the Committee of Conference on the bill of the Senate (No. 96) entitled "An act to provide for the payment of such creditors of the late republic of Texas as are comprehended in the act of Congress of September 9, 1860."

The Senate have passed a bill of the following title, viz :

S. 675. An act to protect officers and other persons acting under the authority of the United States ;
 in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the following message received yesterday from the President of the United States, viz :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

I communicate to Congress herewith a communication of this date from the Secretary of the Interior, with the accompanying paper, and recommend that the appropriation therein asked for be made.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, February 21, 1855.

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and printed.

On motion of Mr. McQueen, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the letter of Mr. Gallegos, in reference to the payment of certain militia of the Territory of New Mexico, called into service by the governor of that Territory, and the papers accompanying the same, be re-referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The House then resumed the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 569) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending June 30, 1856, and for other purposes ; the pending question being on agreeing to the 30th amendment

reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The said amendment was then read as follows, viz :

Insert the following :

"And it shall be lawful for the President of the United States to cause such measures to be taken as, in his opinion, may be expedient for providing convenient accommodations, medical assistance, and the necessary attendance and supplies for the relief of sick and disabled seamen of the United States who may be at or near the port of Havana, in case the same may be done with the consent of the government having jurisdiction over the port, and, for that purpose, to establish such regulations and to authorize the employment of such persons as he may judge proper ; and that for defraying the expenses thereof a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto ?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 73
Nays..... 114

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Appleton
William S. Ashe
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Preston S. Brooks
Lewis D. Campbell
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
William M. Churchwell
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
Carlton B. Curtis
Francis B. Cutting
David T. Disney
James F. Dowdell
Augustus Drum
William Dunbar
J. Wiley Edmands
Henry A. Edmundson
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
John Z. Goodrich
Frederick W. Green

Mr. Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Aaron Harlan
Andrew J. Harlan
John Scott Harrison
Isaac E. Hiester
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
James Knox
John McCulloch
James A. McDougall
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Rufus W. Peckham
John Perkins, jr.
Philip Phillips
Charles Ready
Peter Rowe
Samuel L. Russell

Mr. Alvah Sabin
James L. Seward
Charles Skelton
George W. Smyth
Richard H. Stanton
Nathan T. Stratton
David Stuart
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Edward A. Warren
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler
William H. Witte
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
David J. Bailey
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennett
William W. Boyce
Samuel A. Bridges
Robert M. Bugg
Davis Carpenter

Mr. Samuel Caruthers
George W. Chase
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John P. Cook
Leander M. Cox
Burton Craige
William Cullom
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis

Mr. John L. Dawson
John Dick
Edward Dickinson
Cyrus L. Dunham
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
Thomas D. Eliot
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
Emerson Etheridge
Reuben E. Fenton

Mr. Thomas T. Flagler
 Joshua R. Giddings
 William O. Goode
 Henry C. Goodwin
 William T. Hamilton
 Sampson W. Harris
 George Hastings
 Solomon G. Haven
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Bernhart Henn
 Clement S. Hill
 George S. Houston
 Colin M. Ingersoll
 Daniel T. Jones
 George W. Jones
 J. Glancy Jones
 Lawrence M. Keltt
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 William H. Kurtz
 Alfred W. Lamb
 Milton S. Latham
 John Letcher
 Charles S. Lewis
 James J. Lindley
 William D. Lindsley
 Fayette McMullen

Mr. John McNair
 John McQueen
 John B. Macy
 James Maurice
 Ner Middlewarth
 Smith Miller
 John S. Millson
 Edwin B. Morgan
 William Murray
 Edson B. Olds
 Andrew Oliver
 Mordecai Oliver
 James L. Orr
 Asa Packer
 Jared V. Peck
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 John S. Phelps
 Paulus Powell
 James T. Pratt
 William Preston
 Benjamin Pringle
 Richard C. Puryear
 William A. Richardson
 David Ritchie
 Thomas Ritchey
 John Robbins, jr.

Mr. Thomas Ruffin
 Russell Sage
 William R. Sapp
 Wilson Sharron
 Henry M. Shaw
 Jacob Shower
 George A. Simmons
 Samuel A. Smith
 William Smith
 William R. Smith
 Augustus R. Sellers
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Hestor L. Stevens
 Christian M. Straub
 Andrew Stuart
 John J. Taylor
 John L. Taylor
 Andrew Tracy
 Michael C. Trout
 * Joshua Vansant
 Mike Walsh
 Elihu B. Washburne
 John Wentworth
 Theodoric R. Westbrook
 Daniel B. Wright
 Hendrick B. Wright.

So the said amendment was disagreed to.

The 41st amendment was then read, and agreed to.

Mr. Walsh moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

The 58th amendment was then read, as follows, viz:

Add at the end of the bill:

"Sec. —. *And be it further enacted, That on and after the first day of July, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, there shall be a reduction of twenty per cent. on the rates of duty imposed by the act entitled 'An act reducing the duty on imports, and for other purposes,' approved July thirty, eighteen hundred and forty-six, on the goods, wares, and merchandise, imported from foreign countries, enumerated and provided for in Schedules A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, and also those provided for in the third section of said act, except as hereinafter provided.*

"Sec. —. *And be it further enacted, That the following-named articles, embraced in Schedule D of said act of thirty-first July, eighteen hundred and forty-six, be, and they are hereby, transferred to Schedule C, to wit: manufactures and articles of silk, or of which silk shall be a component material; that the manufactures and articles of flax, or of which flax shall be a component material, and blankets of all kinds, embraced in Schedule E of the said act of thirty-first July, eighteen hundred and forty-six, be transferred to Schedule D; that wool, unmanufactured, shall be transferred to Schedule G; that flax unmanufactured, silk raw, with or without the gum, not being doubled, twisted, or advanced in manufactures in any way; jute, manilla, and Sisal grass, coir, and other vegetable substances, unmanufactured, not otherwise provided for; lac spirits, lac sulphur, lampblack, Prussian blue; articles not in a crude state used in dyeing or tanning, not otherwise provided for; brimstone, crude, in bulk; cream of tartar, extracts of indigo, India-rubber in bottles, slabs, or sheets, unmanufactured, extracts of madder, barilla,*

cudbear, bleaching-powder or chloride of lime, indigo, cochineal, wood or pastel; acids, acetic, benzoic, boracic, citric, muriatic, white and yellow, nitric, oxalic, pyroligneous and tartaric, and all other acids of every description, used for chemical, medicinal, or manufacturing purposes, not otherwise provided for,—be transferred to Schedule H.

“And that salt, berries, nuts, flowers, plants, and vegetables, used exclusively in dyeing or in composing dyes; but no article shall be classed as such that has undergone any manufacture; Brazil wood, brazilleto, and all other dye-woods in sticks; burr-stones, wrought or unwrought; codilla or tow of hemp or flax; fruits and vegetables, green or ripe, not otherwise provided for; garden-seeds, and all other seeds for agricultural, horticultural, medicinal, and manufacturing purposes, not otherwise provided for; bolting-cloths; madder-root, madder, ground or prepared; ice; animals of all kinds,—be transferred to Schedule I.

“Sec. —. And be it further enacted, That all goods, wares, and merchandise, which shall be imported from foreign countries after the passage of this act, and be in the public stores on the first day of July aforesaid, shall be subject, on entry thereof for consumption, to no other duty than if the same had been imported, respectively, after that day.

“Sec. —. And be it further enacted, That on the entry of any goods, wares, and merchandise, imported on and after the first day of July aforesaid, the decision of the collector of the customs at the port of importation and entry, as to their liability to duty or exemption therefrom, shall be final and conclusive against the owner, importer, consignee, or agent, of any such goods, wares, and merchandise, unless the owner, importer, consignee, or agent, shall, within ten days after such decision, give notice to the collector, in writing, of the dissatisfaction with the same, setting forth therein distinctly and specifically his grounds of objection thereto; and shall, within thirty days after the date of such decision, appeal therefrom to the Secretary of the Treasury, whose decision on such appeal shall be final and conclusive; and the said goods, wares, and merchandise, shall be liable to duty or exemption therefrom accordingly, any act of Congress to the contrary notwithstanding, unless suit shall be brought within thirty days after such decision of said Secretary for any duties that may have been paid, or may thereafter be paid, on said goods, or within thirty days after the duties shall have been paid, in cases where such goods shall be in bond.

“Sec. —. And be it further enacted, That on and after the first day of July aforesaid, all provisions of existing laws inconsistent with the provisions of this act shall be inoperative and void.”

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 126
Nays..... 82

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
David J. Bailey
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.

Mr. William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Peter H. Bell
Thomas H. Benton
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bocoek
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge

Mr. Samuel A. Bridges
Preston S. Brooks
John S. Caskie
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
William M. Churchwell
Samuel Clark

Mr. Thomas L. Clingman
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 Burton Craige
 Francis B. Cutting
 John G. Davis
 Thomas Davis
 Alexander De Witt
 Edward Dickinson
 David T. Disney
 James F. Dowdell
 William Dunbar
 Cyrus L. Dunham
 Ben C. Eastman
 Norman Eddy
 Alfred P. Edgerton
 J. Wiley Edmonds
 Henry A. Edmundson
 Thomas D. Eliot
 Andrew Ellison
 William H. English
 Emerson Etheridge
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Thomas B. Florence
 Thomas J. D. Fuller
 William O. Goode
 John Z. Goodrich
 Frederick W. Green
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 Ben Edwards Grey
 William T. Hamilton
 Andrew J. Harlan
 Sampson W. Harris
 George Hastings
 Thomas A. Hendricks

Mr. Bernhart Henn
 Harry Hibbard
 George S. Houston
 Daniel T. Jones
 George W. Jones
 J. Glancy Jones
 Roland Jones
 Lawrence M. Keitt
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 Alfred W. Lamb
 James H. Lane
 Milton S. Latham
 John Letcher
 Charles S. Lewis
 Samuel Lilly
 William D. Lindaley
 Fayette McMullen
 John McNair
 John McQueen
 John B. Macy
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 Henry May
 Smith Miller
 John S. Millson
 George W. Morrison
 William Murray
 Matthias H. Nichols
 David A. Noble
 Edson B. Olds
 Andrew Oliver
 James L. Orr
 Jared V. Peck
 Rufus W. Peckham
 John Perkins, jr.

Mr. John S. Phelps
 Philip Phillips
 Paulus Powell
 William A. Richardson
 Thomas Ritchey
 Thomas Ruffin
 James L. Seward
 Wilson Shannon
 Henry M. Shaw
 Jacob Shower
 Charles Skelton
 Samuel A. Smith
 William Smith
 William R. Smith
 George W. Smyth
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Richard H. Stanton
 Hester L. Stevens
 Christian M. Straub
 Andrew Stuart
 David Stuart
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Charles W. Upham
 Hiram Walbridge
 Samuel H. Walley
 Mike Walsh
 Edward A. Warren
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 John Wentworth
 Theodor R. Westbrook
 John Wheeler
 William H. Witte
 Daniel B. Wright
 Hendrick B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Edward Ball
 Nathan Belcher
 Henry Bennett
 Samuel P. Benson
 Robert M. Bugg
 Lewis D. Campbell
 Davis Carpenter
 Samuel Caruthers
 George W. Chase
 John P. Cook
 Moses B. Corwin
 Leander M. Cox
 Samuel L. Crocker
 William Cullom
 Carlton B. Curtis
 John L. Dawson
 John Dick
 Augustus Drum
 William Everhart
 E. Wilder Farley
 Reuben E. Fenton
 Thomas T. Flagler
 James Gamble
 Joshua R. Giddings
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Aaron Harlan
 John Scott Harrison
 Solomon G. Haven

Mr. Isaac E. Hiester
 Thomas M. Howe
 Charles Hughes
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Colin M. Ingersoll
 James Knox
 William H. Kurtz
 James J. Lindley
 Caleb Lyon
 John McCulloch
 Moses Macdonald
 Orsamus B. Matteson
 James Maurice
 Samuel Mayall
 James Meacham
 Ner Middleswarth
 Edwin B. Morgan
 Jesse O. Norton
 Mordecai Oliver
 Asa Packer
 Samuel W. Parker
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 James T. Pratt
 William Preston
 Benjamin Pringle
 Richard C. Puryear
 Charles Ready

Mr. George Read Kiddle
 David Ritchie
 John Robbins, jr.
 Peter Rowe
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 William R. Sapp
 Origen S. Seymour
 George A. Simmons
 Augustus R. Sollers
 Nathan T. Stratton
 John J. Taylor
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Andrew Tracy
 Michael C. Trout
 William M. Tweed
 Joshua Vansant
 Edward Wade
 William A. Walker
 Elihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 Tappan Wentworth
 Richard Yates
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the said amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Houston moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

The question was then put, under the further operation of the previous question, Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas 126
Nays 74

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
David J. Bailey
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Thomas H. Benton
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Preston S. Brooks
John S. Caskie
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Burton Craige
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmonds
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Eliot
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English

Mr. Emerson Etheridge
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
William T. Hamilton
Andrew J. Harlan
Sampson W. Harris
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
Zedekiah Kidwell
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindale
Moses Macdonald
Fayette McMullen
John McNair
John McQueen
John B. Macy
Augustus E. Maxwell
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
George W. Morrison
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Edson B. Olds
James L. Orr

Mr. Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham
Bishop Perkins
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Thomas Ruffin
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
Charles Skelton
Samuel A. Smith
William Smith
George W. Smyth
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
John J. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walsh
Mike Walsh
Edward A. Warren
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Theodore R. Westbrook
William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Edward Ball
Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers

Mr. George W. Chase
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis

Mr. John L. Dawson
John Dick
Augustus Drum
Ben C. Eastman
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas T. Flagler

Mr. James Gamble
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Ben Edwards Grey
 Aaron Harlan
 John Scott Harrison
 Solomon G. Haven
 Isaac E. Hiester
 Clement S. Hill
 Thomas M. Howe
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Colin M. Ingersoll
 James Knox
 William H. Kurtz
 James J. Lindley
 John McCulloch
 Daniel Mace
 Orasmus B. Matteson
 James Maurice

Mr. Samuel Mayall
 James Meacham
 Ner Middleswarth
 Edwin B. Morgan
 Jesse O. Norton
 Mordecai Oliver
 Asa Packer
 Samuel W. Parker
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 James T. Pratt
 William Preston
 Benjamin Pringle
 Charles Ready
 David Ritchie
 Peter Rowe
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage

Mr. William R. Sapp
 George A. Simmons
 Augustus R. Sollers
 Nathan T. Stratton
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Andrew Tracy
 Michael C. Trout
 William M. Tweed
 Edward Wade
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 Tappan Wentworth
 John Wheeler
 Richard Yates
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

Mr. Hibbard moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

The question then being on the passage of the bill,

Mr. Houston moved the previous question; which was seconded.

Pending the question on ordering the main question,

Mr. Meacham moved that the bill be laid on the table.

And the question being put on the latter motion,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas.....	62
{ Nays.....	141

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. Edward Ball
 Henry Bennett
 Robert M. Bugg
 Lewis D. Campbell
 Davis Carpenter
 George W. Chase
 John P. Cook
 Moses B. Corwin
 Leander M. Cox
 Samuel L. Crocker
 William Cullom
 Carlton B. Curtis
 John L. Dawson
 Augustus Drum
 Ben C. Eastman
 E. Wilder Farley
 Thomas T. Flagler
 James Gamble
 Joshua R. Giddings
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Aaron Harlan

Mr. John Scott Harrison
 Solomon G. Haven
 Isaac E. Hiester
 Clement S. Hill
 Thomas M. Howe
 Theodore G. Hunt
 James Knox
 William H. Kurtz
 James J. Lindley
 Caleb Lyon
 John McCulloch
 Daniel Mace
 Orasmus B. Matteson
 James Maurice
 James Meacham
 Ner Middleswarth
 Edwin B. Morgan
 Jesse O. Norton
 Asa Packer
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 William Preston

Mr. Benjamin Pringle
 David Ritchie
 Peter Rowe
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 William R. Sapp
 George A. Simmons
 Augustus R. Sollers
 Nathan T. Stratton
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Andrew Tracy
 Michael C. Trout
 William M. Tweed
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 John Wheeler
 Richard Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
 William Aiken
 James C. Allen
 Willis Allen

Mr. William S. Ashe
 David J. Bailey
 Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
 William Barksdale

Mr. William S. Barry
 Peter H. Bell
 Thomas H. Benton
 George Bliss

Mr. Thomas S. Bocock
 William W. Boyce
 John C. Breckinridge
 Samuel A. Bridges
 Preston S. Brooks
 John S. Caskie
 Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
 Elijah W. Chastain
 James S. Chisman
 William M. Churchwell
 Samuel Clark
 Thomas L. Clingman
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 Burton Craige
 Francis B. Cutting
 John G. Davis
 Thomas Davis
 Alexander De Witt
 John Dick
 Edward Dickinson
 David T. Disney
 James F. Dowdell
 William Dunbar
 Cyrus L. Dunham
 Norman Eddy
 Alfred P. Edgerton
 J. Wiley Edmonds
 Henry A. Edmundson
 Thomas D. Elliott
 John M. Elliott
 Andrew Ellison
 William H. English
 Emerson Etheridge
 William Everhart
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Thomas B. Florence
 Thomas J. D. Fuller
 William O. Goode
 John Z. Goodrich
 Frederick W. Green
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 Ben Edwards Grey
 William T. Hamilton

Mr. Andrew J. Harlan
 Sampson W. Harris
 George Hastings
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Bernhart Henn
 Harry Hibbard
 George S. Houston
 Colin M. Ingersoll
 Daniel T. Jones
 George W. Jones
 J. Glancy Jones
 Roland Jones
 Lawrence M. Kett
 John Kerr
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 Alfred W. Lamb
 James H. Lane
 Milton S. Latham
 John Letcher
 Charles S. Lewis
 Samuel Lilly
 William D. Lindale
 Moses Macdonald
 Fayette McMullen
 John McNair
 John McQueen
 John B. Macy
 Henry May
 Samuel Mayall
 Smith Miller
 John S. Millson
 George W. Morrison
 William Murray
 Matthias H. Nichols
 David A. Noble
 Edson B. Olds
 Andrew Oliver
 Mordecai Oliver
 James L. Orr
 Samuel W. Parker
 Jared V. Peck
 Rufus W. Peckham
 John Perkins, jr.

Mr. John S. Phelps
 Philip Phillips
 Paulus Powell
 James T. Pratt
 Richard C. Puryear
 Charles Ready
 William A. Richardson
 George Read Riddle
 Thomas Ritchey
 John Robbins, jr.
 Thomas Ruffin
 James L. Seward
 Origen S. Seymour
 Wilson Shannon
 Henry M. Shaw
 Jacob Shower
 Charles Skelton
 Samuel A. Smith
 William Smith
 William R. Smith
 George W. Smyth
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Richard H. Stanton
 Hester L. Stevens
 Christian M. Straub
 Andrew Stuart
 John J. Taylor
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Charles W. Upham
 Joshua Vaneant
 Edward Wade
 Hiram Walbridge
 William A. Walker
 Samuel H. Walley
 Mike Walsh
 Edward A. Warren
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 John Wentworth
 Tappan Wentworth
 Theodor R. Westbrook
 William H. Witte
 Daniel B. Wright
 Hendrick B. Wright.

So the House refused to lay the bill on the table.

The question was then put, Shall the main question be now put?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 115
 Nays..... 91

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
 James C. Allen
 Willis Allen
 William S. Ashe
 David J. Bailey
 William Barkdale
 William S. Barry
 Peter H. Bell
 Thomas H. Benton
 George Bliss
 Thomas S. Bocock
 William W. Boyce
 John C. Breckinridge

Mr. Samuel A. Bridges
 Preston S. Brooks
 John S. Caskie
 Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
 Elijah W. Chastain
 James S. Chisman
 William M. Churchwell
 Samuel Clark
 Thomas L. Clingman
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 Burton Craige
 Francis B. Cutting
 John G. Davis

Mr. David T. Disney
 James F. Dowdell
 William Dunbar
 Cyrus L. Dunham
 Norman Eddy
 Alfred P. Edgerton
 Henry A. Edmundson
 John M. Elliott
 Andrew Ellison
 William H. English
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Thomas B. Florence
 Thomas J. D. Fuller

Mr. William O. Goode
 Frederick W. Green
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 William T. Hamilton
 Sampson W. Harris
 George Hastings
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Bernhart Henn
 Harry Hibbard
 George S. Houston
 Colin M. Ingersoll
 George W. Jones
 J. Glancy Jones
 Roland Jones
 Lawrence M. Keitt
 John Kerr
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 Alfred W. Lamb
 James H. Lane
 Milton S. Latham
 John Letcher
 Charles S. Lewis
 William D. Lindaley
 Moses Macdonald
 James A. McDougall
 Fayette McMullen

Mr. John McNair
 John McQueen
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 Henry May
 Smith Miller
 John S. Milleon
 William Murray
 Matthias H. Nichols
 David A. Noble
 Edson B. Olds
 Mordecai Oliver
 James L. Orr
 Jared V. Peck
 John Perkins, jr.
 John S. Phelps
 Philip Phillips
 Paulus Powell
 James T. Pratt
 William A. Richardson
 George Head Riddle
 Thomas Ritchey
 John Robbins, jr.
 Thomas Ruffin
 James L. Seward
 Origen S. Seymour

Mr. Wilson Shannon
 Henry M. Shaw
 Jacob Shower
 Charles Skelton
 Samuel A. Smith
 William Smith
 William R. Smith
 George W. Smyth
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Hester L. Stevens
 Christian M. Straub
 Andrew Stuart
 David Stuart
 John J. Taylor
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Joshua Vansant
 Hiram Walbridge
 William A. Walker
 Mike Walsh
 Edward A. Warren
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 Theodorio R. Westbrook
 William H. Witte
 Daniel B. Wright
 Hendrick B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
 William Appleton
 Edward Ball
 Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
 Nathan Belcher
 Henry Bennett
 Samuel P. Benson
 Robert M. Bugg
 Lewis D. Campbell
 Davis Carpenter
 Samuel Caruthers
 George W. Chase
 John P. Cook
 Moses B. Corwin
 Leander M. Cox
 Samuel L. Crocker
 William Cullom
 Thomas Davis
 John L. Dawson
 Alexander De Witt
 John Dick
 Edward Dickinson
 Augustus Drum
 Ben C. Eastman
 J. Wiley Edmonds
 Thomas D. Eliot
 Emerson Etheridge
 William Everhart
 E. Wilder Farley
 Thomas T. Flagler
 James Gamble

Mr. Joshua R. Giddings
 John Z. Goodrich
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Ben Edwards Grey
 Aaron Harlan
 Andrew J. Harlan
 John Scott Harrison
 Solomon G. Haven
 Isaac E. Hiester
 Clement S. Hill
 Thomas M. Howe
 Charles Hughes
 Theodore G. Hunt
 James Knox
 William H. Kurtz
 Samuel Lilly
 James J. Lindley
 Caleb Lyon
 John McCulloch
 Daniel Mace
 Orsamus B. Matteson
 James Maurice
 Samuel Mayall
 James Meacham
 Ner Middleswarth
 Edwin B. Morgan
 Jesse O. Norton
 Andrew Oliver
 Asa Packer
 Samuel W. Parker

Mr. Alex. C. M. Pennington
 William Preston
 Benjamin Pringle
 Richard C. Puryear
 Charles Ready
 David Ritchie
 Peter Rowe
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 William R. Sapp
 George A. Simmons
 Augustus E. Sollers
 Nathan T. Stratton
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Andrew Tracy
 Michael C. Trout
 William M. Tweed
 Charles W. Upham
 Edward Wade
 Samuel H. Walley
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 John Wentworth
 Tappan Wentworth
 John Wheeler
 Richard Yates
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?
 And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas 126
 { Nays 80
 The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
David J. Bailey
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
P. H. Bell
Thomas H. Benton
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckenridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Preston S. Brooks
John S. Caskie
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
William M. Churchwell
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Burton Craige
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmands
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Eliot
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge

Mr. Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
William O. Goode
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
William T. Hamilton
Andrew J. Harlan
Sampson W. Harris
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
Zedekiah Kidwell
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindsley
James A. McDougall
Fayette McMullen
John McNair
John McQueen
John B. Macy
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
George W. Morrison
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Edson B. Olds

Mr. James L. Orr
Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell
James T. Pratt
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
John Robbins, jr.
Thomas Ruffin
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
Charles Skelton
Samuel A. Smith
William Smith
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
John J. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Mike Walsh
Edward A. Warren
Daniel Wells, jr.
William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Edward Ball
Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
George W. Chase
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
John Dick
Augustus Drum
Ben C. Eastman
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas T. Flagler
James Gamble

Mr. Joshua R. Giddings
Henry C. Goodwin
Ben Edwards Grey
Aaron Harlan
John Scott Harrison
Solomon G. Haven
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Colin M. Ingersoll
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
James J. Lindley
Caleb Lyon
John McCulloch
Daniel Mace
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth

Mr. Edwin B. Morgan
Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker
Alex. C. M. Pennington
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle
David Ritchie
Peter Rowe
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
George A. Simmons
Augustus R. Sollers
Nathan T. Stratton
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Andrew Tracy
Michael C. Trout

Mr. William M. Tweed
Edward Wade
Ellihu B. Washburne

Mr. Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler

Mr. Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the bill was passed.

Mr. Houston moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Pending the question on agreeing to the title of the bill,

Mr. George W. Jones moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said title was agreed to.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

By unanimous consent, notices were given of an intention to submit amendments to the bill of the Senate (No. 511) entitled "An act in addition to certain acts granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States," by Mr. Benton, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Etheridge, and Mr. Henn, respectively; which said amendments were severally ordered to be printed.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, bills of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 527. An act for the relief of Lot Davis.

H. R. 544. An act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1856, and for other purposes.

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a resolution of the following title, viz :

S. Res. 48. A resolution explanatory of an act passed August 3, 1854 ;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Eastman, by unanimous consent,

The said resolution was taken from the Speaker's table, read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The Speaker having resumed the call of the committees for reports,

Mr. Disney, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 6) entitled "An act to grant to the State of Ohio the unsold and unappropriated public lands remaining unsold in that State," reported the same with an amendment.

Pending the question on agreeing to the said amendment,

Mr. Disney moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said amendment was agreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be read the third time.

It was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Henn, the title of the said bill was amended so as to read as follows, viz: "An act to confirm the canal selections in the State of Ohio."

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendments.

Mr. Disney, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 352) entitled "An act extending in certain cases the provisions of the act entitled 'An act to extend pre-emption rights to certain land therein mentioned,' approved March 3, 1853," reported the same with an amendment; which amendment was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Disney, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 564) entitled "An act granting bounty land to Susan Palmer," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Cobb moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate with the passage of the said bill.

Mr. Disney, from the said committee, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 665) granting the right of way to the Wyandott and Pawnee railroad through the public lands in Kansas Territory, reported the same without amendment.

Pending the question on its engrossment,

Mr. Whitfield moved to amend the same by striking out "miles," in the last line of the bill, and inserting the words "*one mile*" in lieu thereof.

Pending the question on agreeing to the said amendment,

Mr. William R. Smith moved to amend the same by striking out "one mile," and inserting "*two hundred yards*" in lieu thereof.

Pending which,

Mr. Disney moved the previous question, and the House refused to second the same.

The question then recurred on the amendment of Mr. William R. Smith to the amendment of Mr. Whitfield.

Pending which,

Mr. Phelps moved that the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Benson, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the said bill be printed.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Phelps, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some

time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Millson reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 579) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856, had found itself without a quorum, and that he had caused the roll to be called, when it appeared that the following-named members were absent:

James C. Allen, Willis Allen, David J. Bailey, Thomas H. Bayly, Edward Ball, Nathaniel P. Banks, jr., Peter H. Bell, William H. Bissell, George Bliss, William W. Boyce, John C. Breckinridge, Samuel A. Bridges, Francis M. Bristow, Preston S. Brooks, Robert M. Bugg, Ebenezer M. Chamberlain, Joseph R. Chandler, George W. Chase, Elijah W. Chastain, James S. Chrisman, William M. Churchwell, Samuel Clark, Alfred H. Colquitt, John P. Cook, Leander M. Cox, Burton Craige, William Cullom, Thomas W. Cumming, Carlton B. Curtis, Francis B. Cutting, John L. Dawson, William B. W. Dent, John Dick, Augustus Drum, Norman Eddy, Alfred P. Edgerton, Henry A. Edmundson, Thomas D. Eliot, John M. Elliott, Andrew Ellison, William H. English, Emerson Etheridge, William Ewerhart, Reuben E. Fenton, Thomas T. Flagler, John R. Franklin, Thomas J. D. Fuller, Joshua R. Giddings, Henry C. Goodwin, Frederick W. Green, Alfred B. Greenwood, Galusha A. Grow, Andrew J. Harlan, Wiley P. Harris, John Scott Harrison, George Hastings, Thomas A. Hendricks, Clement S. Hill, Junius Hillyer, Colin M. Ingersoll, Harvey H. Johnson, Daniel T. Jones, Lawrence M. Keitt, John Kerr, Zedekiah Kidwell, George W. Kittredge, William H. Kurtz, James H. Lane, Milton S. Latham, Charles S. Lewis, James J. Lindley, William D. Lindsley, John McCulloch, James A. McDougall, John McQueen, Daniel Mace, John B. Macy, Orsamus B. Matteson, James Maurice, Henry May, Samuel Mayall, James Meacham, John G. Miller, David A. Noble, Edson B. Olds, Andrew Oliver, Jared V. Peck, Rufus W. Peckham, Bishop Perkins, James T. Pratt, Charles Ready, David A. Reese, William A. Richardson, George Read Riddle, Thomas Ritchey, Sion H. Rogers, Origen S. Seymour, Wilson Shannon, Henry M. Shaw, George A. Simmons, Otho R. Singleton, Charles Skelton, Samuel A. Smith, William R. Smith, George W. Smyth, Augustus R. Sollers, Frederick P. Stanton, Alexander H. Stephens, Hestor L. Stevens, Christian M. Straub, David Stuart, John J. Taylor, John L. Taylor, Benjamin B. Thurston, Michael C. Trout, William M. Tweed, George Vail, Hiram Walbridge, Samuel H. Walley, Edward A. Warren, Hendrick B. Wright, Richard Yates, and Felix K. Zollicoffer.

There being no quorum yet present,

On motion of Mr. Hamlin, at 3 o'clock and 55 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until Monday next, at 11 o'clock a. m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1855.

The following petitions, memorial, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. David J. Bailey: The petition of citizens of the State of Georgia, for a mail-route from Buena Vista to Geneva, in said State.

By Mr. Ellison: Two petitions of citizens of the State of Ohio, for a mail-route from Bethel, by way of Maple, Teasburgh, and Lewis, to Higginsport, in said State.

Ordered, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. John G. Miller: The petition of Mrs. Frances James, widow of Jonathan James, a soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Aiken: The memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Charleston, South Carolina, on the subject of floating mercantile schools, and the moral, mental, and physical improvement of American seamen; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Banks: The petition of citizens of the State of Vermont, for bounty land to the soldiers who volunteered and were draughted to guard the frontiers of Vermont during the Canadian rebellion of 1838, 1839; also, that the bounty-land laws of 1850, 1852, be so extended as to grant 160 acres of land to each soldier who served during the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Robbins, jr.: The petition of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, for an appropriation for erecting a building for the courts of the United States, post offices, &c., in Philadelphia; which was referred to the select committee on the President's message in relation to buildings for court-rooms, post offices, &c., in the cities of Philadelphia, New York, and Boston.

By Mr. Banks: The petition of Yates Rogers, Captain, and others, fishermen and owners of the schooner Scituate, of Dennis, in the State of Massachusetts, which was wrecked in June, 1854, for fishing bounty; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Pringle: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, against the renewal of patents, for improvements in reaping machines, to Obed Hussey, Moore and Hascall, or Cyrus H. McCormick; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Pratt: Additional papers in the claim of Cyrus Buckland; which were referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Gamble: The petition of citizens of Centre county, Pennsylvania, against any increase in the pay of members of Congress, or any officers or employes of the government; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The House having resumed, as the regular order of business, the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 665) granting the right of way to the Wyandott and Pawnee railroad through the public lands in Kansas Territory, the pending question being on the motion of Mr. Phelps to commit the same to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union,

Mr. Phelps withdrew his said motion.

The question then recurring on the motion of Mr. William R. Smith to amend the amendment of Mr. Whitfield,

Mr. Smith and Mr. Whitfield withdrew the amendments submitted by them respectively.

The question then recurring on the engrossment of the bill,

Mr. Phelps moved to amend the same by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof the following, viz :

" That the provisions of the act entitled ' An act to grant the right of way to all rail and plank roads and Macadamized turnpikes passing through the public lands belonging to the United States,' approved August 4, 1852, be, and the same is hereby, extended to all of the public lands of the United States in the Territories of the United States."

Pending which,

Mr. Disney moved the previous question ; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said amendment was agreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

The title of the said bill was amended so as to read " An act extending the provisions of the act of August 4, 1852, entitled ' An act to grant the right of way to all rail and plank roads and Macadamized turnpikes passing through the public lands belonging to the United States,' to the public lands in the Territories of the United States."

The title as amended was then agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Disney, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 650) allowing the further time of two years to those holding lands by entries in the Virginia military district in Ohio, which were made prior to January 1, 1862, to have the same surveyed and patented, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Peckham moved that the said bill be laid on the table ; which motion was disagreed to.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Disney, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 84) entitled " An act making a grant of land in the State of Michigan to aid in the construction of the Oakland and Ottawa railroad ; and a railroad from the Grand Rapids to the Straits of Mackinaw ; and a railroad from Pontiac, via Pere Marquette river, Manitowoc, and Ontonagon river, to Kewana Point, with a branch to the vicinity of Carp river, upon Lake Superior," reported the same with sundry amendments.

Pending which,

Mr. John Perkins, jr., moved to amend the same by adding thereto a similar provision in aid of the Shreveport and Louisiana railroad.

Pending which,

Mr. Disney moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. Clingman moved that the bill and pending amendments be laid on the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas. 98
 { Nays 72
 The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
 William Appleton
 William S. Ashe
 Thomas H. Bayly
 Edward Ball
 Samuel P. Benson
 Thomas S. Bocock
 Samuel A. Bridges
 Francis M. Bristow
 Robert M. Bugg
 Davis Carpenter
 John S. Caskie
 Joseph R. Chandler
 • Elijah W. Chaastain
 James S. Chrisman
 Thomas L. Clingman
 Moses B. Corwin
 Burton Craige
 Samuel L. Crocker
 William Cullom
 Carlton B. Curtis
 Francis B. Cutting
 Alexander De Witt
 Edward Dickinson
 Henry A. Edmundson
 John M. Elliott
 Andrew Ellison
 Emerson Etheridge
 William Everhart
 E. Wilder Farley
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Reuben E. Fenton
 Thomas T. Flagler

Mr. Thomas B. Florence
 Thomas J. D. Fuller
 James Gamble
 Joshua R. Giddings
 William O. Goode
 Ben Edwards Grey
 William T. Hamilton
 Aaron Harlan
 George Hastings
 Solomon G. Haven
 Isaac E. Hiester
 Colin M. Ingersoll
 Daniel T. Jones
 George W. Jones
 J. Glancy Jones
 Lawrence M. Keitt
 John Kerr
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 William H. Kurtz
 James H. Lane
 John Letcher
 Charles S. Lewis
 Samuel Lilly
 William D. Lindsley
 John McCulloch
 Moses Macdonald
 John McNair
 John McQueen
 James Maurice
 Ner Middleswarth
 John S. Millson
 George W. Morrison
 William Murray

Mr. Matthias H. Nichols
 Andrew Oliver
 Asa Packer
 Samuel W. Parker
 Rufus W. Peckham
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 Bishop Perkins
 Paulus Powell
 William Preston
 Benjamin Pringle
 Richard C. Puryear
 Charles Ready
 David Ritchie
 John Robbins, jr.
 Thomas Ruffin
 Samuel L. Russell
 William R. Sapp
 Origen S. Seymour
 Henry M. Shaw
 George A. Simmons
 William Smith
 Christian M. Straub
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Michael C. Trout
 Joshua Vasant
 Edward Wade
 Samuel H. Walley
 Mike Walsh
 John Wheeler
 William H. Witte
 Hendrick B. Wright
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
 James C. Allen
 Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
 William Barksdale
 William S. Barry
 Thomas H. Benton
 George Bliss
 Lewis D. Campbell
 Samuel Caruthers
 Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
 George W. Chase
 Samuel Clark
 Williamson B. W. Cobb
 John P. Cook
 John G. Davis
 David T. Disney
 William Dunbar
 Ben C. Eastman
 Norman Eddy
 Alfred P. Edgerton
 J. Wiley Edmunds
 Thomas D. Eliot
 John Z. Goodrich
 Henry C. Goodwin

Mr. Frederick W. Green
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 Andrew J. Harlan
 Sampson W. Harris
 Wiley P. Harris
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Bernhart Henn
 George S. Houston
 Thomas M. Howe
 Charles Hughes
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Roland Jones
 James Knox
 Alfred W. Lamb
 Milton S. Latham
 James J. Lindley
 James A. McDougall
 Daniel Mace
 John B. Macy
 Orsamus B. Matteson
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 Samuel Mayall
 Smith Miller
 Edwin B. Morgan

Mr. David A. Noble
 Jesse O. Norton
 Edson B. Olds
 Mordecai Oliver
 John Perkins, jr.
 John S. Phelps
 William A. Richardson
 George Read Riddle
 Peter Rowe
 Alvah Sabin
 James L. Seward
 George W. Smyth
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Hestor L. Stevens
 John L. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Charles W. Upham
 Edward A. Warren
 Elihu B. Washburne
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 John Wentworth
 Theodor R. Westbrook
 Daniel B. Wright.

So the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Clingman moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered ; which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Phelps submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the bill of the House (No. 579) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June 30, 1856, shall cease in five minutes after its consideration is resumed, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House with such amendments as may have been agreed to.

Mr. Chandler, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Francis Dainese, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 791) for his relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Disney, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 98) entitled "An act making a grant of land to the State of Florida to aid in the construction of certain railroads in said State," reported the same with an amendment.

Pending which,

Mr. Maxwell submitted an amendment in the nature of a substitute therefor.

Pending which,

Mr. Disney moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the bill be laid on the table.

Pending which,

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; which motion was disagreed to.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. Jones to lay the bill on the table.

And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 99
Nays..... 66

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William S. Ashe
Nathan Belcher
Thomas S. Bocoek
Samuel A. Bridges
Davis Carpenter
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chaastain
Thomas L. Clingman
Barton Craige
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis
Francis B. Cutting
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
John Dick
Edward Dickinson

Mr. J. Wiley Edmonds
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Eliot
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
Charles J. Faulkner*
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
Joshua R. Giddings
William O. Goode
John Z. Goodrich
Ben Edwards Grey

Mr. William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
Thomas M. Howe
Colin M. Ingersoll
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
Zedekiah Kidwell
William H. Kurtz
James H. Lane
John Letcher

Mr. Charles S. Lewis
 Samuel Lilly
 William D. Lindsley
 Caleb Lyon
 John McCulloch
 Moses Macdonald
 John McNair
 James Maurice
 Henry May
 Ner Middleswarth
 Smith Miller
 John S. Millson
 Edwin B. Morgan
 George W. Morrison
 William Murray
 Matthias H. Nichols

Mr. Andrew Oliver
 Samuel W. Parker
 Rufus W. Peckham
 Bishop Perkins
 Paulus Powell
 Richard C. Puryear
 Charles Ready
 David Ritchie
 John Robbins, jr.
 Thomas Ruffin
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 Origen S. Seymour
 Henry M. Shaw
 George A. Simmons

Mr. William R. Smith
 George W. Smyth
 Nathan T. Stratton
 Christian M. Stranb
 Andrew Stuart
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Andrew Tracy
 Michael C. Trout
 Joshua Vansant
 Edward Wade
 Samuel H. Walley
 Mike Walsh
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 John Wheeler
 William H. Witte
 Hendrick B. Wright

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
 James C. Allen
 Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
 William Barkadale
 William S. Barry
 Henry Bennett
 Samuel P. Benson
 Thomas H. Benton
 Francis M. Bristow
 Robert M. Bugg
 Lewis D. Campbell
 Samuel Caruthers
 Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
 George W. Chase
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 John P. Cook
 Moses B. Corwin
 John G. Davis
 David T. Disney
 William Dunbar
 Cyrus L. Dunham
 Ben C. Eastman

Mr. Alfred P. Edgerton
 William H. English
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Frederick W. Green
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 Andrew J. Harlan
 Sampson W. Harris
 Wiley P. Harris
 John Scott Harrison
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Bernhart Henn
 George S. Houston
 Charles Hughes
 James Knox
 Alfred W. Lamb
 Milton S. Latham
 James J. Lindley
 James A. McDougall
 John B. Macy
 Orsamus B. Matteson
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 Samuel Mayall

Mr. Jesse O. Norton
 Mordecai Oliver
 John Perkins, jr.
 John S. Phelps
 James T. Pratt
 Thomas Ritchey
 Peter Rowe
 William R. Sapp
 James L. Seward
 Otho R. Singleton
 Hester L. Stevens
 John L. Taylor
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 William M. Tweed
 Charles W. Upham
 Edward A. Warren
 Elihu B. Washburne
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 John Wentworth
 Theodoric R. Westbrook
 Daniel B. Wright
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Letcher moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered ; which motion was disagreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a resolution (No. 49) " accepting the sword of General Andrew Jackson, and returning the thanks of Congress to the family of the late General Robert Armstrong;" and I am directed by the Senate to bring to this House the said resolution and sword, with a request that the House will concur in the said resolution.

By unanimous consent the said resolution was then taken up ;
 When,

On motion of Mr. Richard H. Stanton, the rules having been suspended for that purpose, leave was granted for the admission of ladies upon the floor of the House, pending the consideration of the said resolution.

The resolution having been read a first and second time,

After debate,

Ordered, That it be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time.

The question was then put, Shall the said resolution pass?
And it was unanimously decided in the affirmative.
So the resolution was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Walbridge, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That one hundred thousand copies of the proceedings and speeches in the Senate and House of Representatives upon the presentation of the sword of General Jackson be printed, under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

On motion of Mr. Benton, by unanimous consent, the Committee of the Whole House were discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 170) entitled "An act for the relief of Mrs. Helen Mackay, administratrix of Lieutenant Colonel Æneas Mackay, late a deputy quartermaster in the United States army."

The rules having been suspended for that purpose, the House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill.

Pending the question on its third reading,

Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said bill was ordered to be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the amendment of this House to the bill of the Senate (No. 568) entitled "An act to promote the efficiency of the navy."

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Dickinson, the rules having been suspended for that purpose, introduced a joint resolution (H. Res. 60) providing for the printing and distribution of the narrative and scientific reports of the Exploring Expedition under Captain Charles Wilkes, of the United States navy; which was read a first and second time.

Pending the question on its engrossment,

Mr. Dickinson moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered to be put; when

Mr. Cobb moved that the resolution be laid on the table; which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put, Shall the said resolution be engrossed and read a third time?

And it was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 65.
Nays..... 101

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
William Appleton
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Francis M. Bristow

Mr. Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler

Mr. George W. Chase
John P. Cook
Samuel L. Crocker
Thomas W. Cumming
Carlton B. Curtis
Thomas Davis

Mr. Alexander De Witt
John Dick
William Dunbar
J. Wiley Edmands
Thomas D. Elliot
Emerson Etheridge
Thomas T. Flagler
Joshua R. Giddings
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Ben Edwards Grey
Aaron Harlan
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
John Kerr

Mr. Alfred W. Lamb
Charles S. Lewis
John McCulloch
James A. McDougall
James Maurice
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
William Murray
Jesse O. Norton
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
James T. Pratt
Benjamin Pringle
George Read Riddle
Peter Rowe
Alvah Sabin

Mr. William R. Sapp
John L. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Andrew Tracy
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Elihu B. Washburne
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappen Wentworth
Theodor R. Westbrook
John Wheeler.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
James C. Allen
David J. Bailey
Edward Ball
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Preston S. Brooks
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Burton Craig
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
Edward Dickinson
James F. Dowdell
Cyrus L. Dunham
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
Henry A. Edmundson
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
William O. Goode
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood

Mr. William T. Hamilton
Andrew J. Harlan
Sampson W. Harris
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
George S. Houston
George W. Jones
J. Glancy Jones
Roland Jones
Zedekiah Kidwell
James H. Lane
John Letcher
William D. Lindsley
Moses Macdonald
Fayette McMullen
John McNair
John McQueen
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Samuel Mayall
John S. Millson
George W. Morrison
Mordecai Oliver
Asa Packer
Bishop Perkins
John Perkins, jr.
Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell

Mr. William Preston
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
John Robbins, jr.
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Otho R. Singleton
Samuel A. Smith
William Smith
George W. Smyth
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Nathan T. Stratton
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
John J. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
Michael C. Trout
Joshua Vansant
Mike Walsh
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the resolution was rejected.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickens, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 607. An act to continue the removal of the rocks at Hell Gate and Diamond reef, New York harbor;

S. 609. An act for the improvement of the Arkansas river;

S. 610. An act making an appropriation to continue the improvement of the navigation of the Tennessee river;

S. 611. An act for continuing certain public works in the State of Massachusetts;

S. 612. An act to continue the improvement of the Hudson river, in the State of New York;

S. 613. An act making an appropriation for refunding to the citizens of Wilmington certain moneys advanced by them, and expended by the agent of the United States, in the improvement of the Cape Fear river, North Carolina;

S. 614. An act for continuing the improvement of the harbor of New Castle;

S. 615. An act for the construction of a harbor on the east side of Reedy island;

S. 617. An act for continuing the improvement of Mobile bay;

S. 618. An act to continue the improvement of the harbor of Charleston, South Carolina;

S. 658. An act for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Dubuque, on the Mississippi river, in the State of Iowa;

S. 671. An act making appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors on the northern lakes;

S. 679. An act to establish the collection districts of Cape Perpetua and Port Orford, in the Territory of Oregon, and to fix the salaries of the officers of the customs therein;

S. 683. An act to prevent mis-trials in the district and circuit courts of the United States in certain cases;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have also passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 517. An act authorizing the corporate authorities of Georgetown to impose additional taxes, and for other purposes;

H. R. 355. An act granting certain additional powers to the corporation of Washington;

H. R. 353. An act to remodel the diplomatic and consular systems of the United States; and

H. R. 747. An act making an appropriation for military defences at Proctor's Landing, in Louisiana;

H. R. 517 and 355 with amendments, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House; and H. R. 353 and 747 without amendment.

And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary, notifying the House that he did, on the 24th instant, approve and sign bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 592. An act to provide for holding the United States courts in the northern and southern districts of Florida, in case of the sickness or disability of either of the judges of those districts.

H. R. 534. An act concerning the apprehension and delivery of deserters from foreign vessels in the ports of the United States.

H. R. 538. An act to establish an additional land district in the State of Wisconsin.

H. Res. 53. Joint resolution in favor of William Monagan.

H. R. 706. An act increasing the pension of Anthony W. Bayard, of Bellefont, in the State of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. Phelps, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Millson reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the bill of the House (No. 579) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856, and the amendment of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 555) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856, had directed him to report the former with amendments, and that the committee had come to no resolution on the latter.

Pending the question on agreeing to the amendments just reported to the bill of the House No. 579,

Mr. Phelps moved that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pending which,

Mr. Seward moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to move that the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 549) entitled "An act to appropriate money to remove the obstructions in the Savannah river, below the city of Savannah, in the State of Georgia."

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Florence, at 9 o'clock and 2 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock a. m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1855.

The following petitions, memorial, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Dunbar: Resolutions of the legislature of the State of Louisiana, in favor of a mail-route between New Orleans and San Francisco, California, across the isthmus of Tehuantepec; which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. John Perkins: The petition of William Chancy, of Louisiana, accompanied by a petition of citizens of said State on his behalf, who is an invalid soldier of the Creek Indian war and of the war of 1812, for a pension; which were referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Chandler: The memorial of the Philadelphia Philosophical Society, against any change in the management of the Smithsonian Institution; which was referred to the select committee on the Smithsonian Institution.

By Mr. Bishop Perkins: Two petitions of citizens of the State of New York, against the extension of McCormick's and other patents for improvements on reaping machines; which were referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Emerson Etheridge
 Thomas B. Florence
 Frederick W. Green
 Ben Edwards Grey
 Solomon G. Haven
 Bernhart Henn
 Isaac E. Hiester
 Thomas M. Howe
 Charles Hughes
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Roland Jones
 John Kerr
 Milton S. Latham
 William D. Lindsley
 James A. McDougall
 John McNair
 Orsamus B. Matteson
 James Maurice
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 Henry May
 Ner Middlewarth

Mr. Edwin B. Morgan
 Matthias H. Nichols
 Edson B. Olds
 Mordecai Oliver
 James L. Orr
 Philip Phillips
 Benjamin Pringle
 Richard C. Puryear
 Charles Ready
 William A. Richardson
 Thomas Ritchie
 John Robbins, jr.
 Thomas Ruffin
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 William E. Sapp
 James L. Seward
 Jacob Shower
 George A. Simmons
 Samuel A. Smith

Mr. Augustus R. Sillers
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Richard H. Stanton
 Hester L. Stevens
 David Stuart
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 William M. Tweed
 Charles W. Upham
 Joshua Vansant
 Samuel H. Walley
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 John Wentworth
 Tappan Wentworth
 Theodorie R. Westbrook
 John Wheeler
 William H. Witte
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Edward Ball
 Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
 Nathan Belcher
 Samuel P. Benson
 Samuel A. Bridges
 John S. Caskie
 George W. Chase
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 Moses B. Corwin
 Francis B. Cutting
 John G. Davis
 John L. Dawson
 David T. Disney
 Alfred P. Edgerton
 Henry A. Edmundson
 John M. Elliott
 Andrew Ellison
 William Everhart
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Reuben E. Fenton
 Thomas J. D. Fuller

Mr. James Gamble
 Joshua R. Giddings
 William T. Hamilton
 Aaron Harlan
 Andrew J. Harlan
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Harry Hibbard
 George S. Houston
 Colin M. Ingersoll
 Daniel T. Jones
 George W. Jones
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 James Knox
 William H. Kurtz
 Alfred W. Lamb
 James H. Lane
 John Letcher
 John McCulloch
 Moses Macdonald
 John McQueen
 Daniel Mace

Mr. Samuel Mayall
 James Meacham
 John S. Millson
 George W. Morrison
 William Murray
 Jesse O. Norton
 Andrew Oliver
 Samuel W. Parker
 Jared V. Peck
 Rufus W. Peckham
 John S. Phelps
 Paulus Powell
 Origen S. Seymour
 Charles Skelton
 Nathan T. Stratton
 Christian M. Straub
 Andrew Tracy
 Michael C. Trout
 Edward Wade
 Hendrick B. Wright.

So the House refused to suspend the rules.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickens, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a resolution of the following title, viz :

S. Res. 50. A resolution respecting the distribution of certain public documents ;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have also passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 736. An act changing the times of holding the United States courts in Tennessee ; and

H. R. 594. An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal year ending the 30th June, 1856 ; the former without, and the latter with amendments, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the said bill H. R. 594, (post office appropriations,) with the amendments of the Senate thereto, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House having resumed the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 579) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1855, reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union with sundry amendments, the pending question being on the motion of Mr. Phelps to recommit the same,

Mr. Phelps withdrew his said motion.

The Speaker having stated the question to be on agreeing to the said amendments,

Mr. Phelps moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said amendments were severally agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Phelps moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent, the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union were discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the House (No. 580) making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defence, and for repairs of barracks and quarters, for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856, and the House, by unanimous consent, proceeded to its consideration.

The Speaker having stated the question to be on its engrossment,

Mr. Houston moved to amend the same by striking out "one thousand three hundred dollars," and inserting "*five thousand dollars*" in lieu thereof; which motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Florence moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Edmundson, by unanimous consent, the bill of the House (No. 777) for the relief of Charles H. Pointer, was taken up, the Committee of the Whole House having, by unanimous consent, been discharged from its further consideration.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

On motion of Mr. Latham, the rules having been suspended for that

purpose, the bill of the Senate (No. 589) entitled "An act to establish a circuit court of the United States in and for the State of California," was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 353. An act to remodel the diplomatic and consular systems of the United States.

H. R. 747. An act making an appropriation for military defences at Proctor's Landing, in Louisiana.

S. Res. 49. A resolution accepting the sword of General Andrew Jackson, and returning the thanks of Congress to the family of the late General Robert Armstrong.

S. 564. An act granting bounty land to Susan Palmer.

S. 170. An act for the relief of Mrs. Helen Mackay, administratrix of Lieutenant Colonel Æneas Mackay, late a deputy quartermaster in the United States army.

S. 568. An act to promote the efficiency of the navy.

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Middleswarth moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to move that the bill of the Senate (No. 511) entitled "An act in addition to certain acts granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States," be taken from the Speaker's table, and that the House consider the same.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	127
	{ Nays	51

Two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr William Appleton
William S. Ashe
Thomas H. Bayly
Edward Ball
William Barkadale
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
John S. Caskie
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
John P. Cook

Mr. Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis
Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
Thomas D. Elliot
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas B. Florence

Mr. James Gamble
Joshua R. Giddings
John Z. Goodrich
Frederick W. Green
Ben Edwards Grey
Andrew J. Harlan
John Scott Harrison
Solomon G. Haven
Isaac E. Hiestor
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Colin M. Ingersoll
Daniel T. Jones
John Kerr
Zedekiah Kidwell
James Knox
William H. Kurts
James H. Lane

Mr. Charles S. Lewis	Mr. James T. Pratt	Mr. Nathan T. Stratton
Samuel Lilly	William Preston	Christian M. Straub
James J. Lindley	Benjamin Pringle	David Stuart
John McCulloch	Richard C. Puryear	John J. Taylor
Fayette McMullen	Charles Ready	John L. Taylor
John McNair	David A. Reese	Nathaniel G. Taylor
Daniel Mace	William A. Richardson	Isaac Teller
Orasmus B. Matteson	David Ritchie	Michael C. Trout
James Maurice	Thomas Ritchey	William M. Tweed
Henry May	John Robbins, jr.	Charles W. Upham
Ner Middleswarth	Sion H. Rogers	Joshua Vaneant
Edwin B. Morgan	Peter Rowe	Samuel H. Walley
William Murray	Thomas Ruffin	Elliott B. Washburne
David A. Noble	Samuel L. Russell	Israel Washburn, jr.
Jesse O. Norton	Alvah Sabin	John Wentworth
Edson B. Olds	Russell Sage	Tappen Wentworth
Andrew Oliver	William R. Sapp	Theodorick B. Westbrook
Asa Packer	Jacob Shower	John Wheeler
Samuel W. Parker	George A. Simmons	William H. Witte
Jared V. Peck	Charles Skelton	Daniel B. Wright
Rufus W. Peckham	William Smith	Hendrick B. Wright
Alex. C. M. Pennington	Augustus R. Sollers	Richard Yates
Bishop Perkins	Richard H. Stanton	Felix K. Zollicoffer.
Paulus Powell		

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie	Mr. Ben C. Eastman	Mr. James A. McDougall
William Aiken	Norman Eddy	John McQueen
James C. Allen	Alfred P. Edgerton	John S. Millson
David J. Bailey	Thomas J. D. Fuller	Matthias H. Nichols
William S. Barry	William T. Hamilton	Mordecai Oliver
Nathan Belcher	Aaron Harlan	James L. Orr
Thomas H. Benton	Thomas A. Hendricks	John S. Phelps
William W. Boyce	Harry Hibbard	Philip Phillips
Preston S. Brooks	George S. Houston	Origen S. Seymour
Samuel Caruthers	Harvey H. Johnson	Wilson Shannon
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain	George W. Jones	Henry M. Shaw
Williamson R. W. Cobb	Roland Jones	George W. Smyth
Burton Craig	Lawrence M. Keitt	Hector L. Stevens
John G. Davis	Alfred W. Lamb	Andrew Stuart
John L. Dawson	John Letcher	Edward Wade
David T. Disney	William D. Lindaley	William A. Walker
James F. Dowdell	Moses Macdonald	Daniel Wells, jr.

So the rules were suspended.

Mr. Middleswarth thereupon submitted his aforesaid motion.

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative.

The said bill was then taken up and read a first and second time.

Pending the question on its third reading,

Mr. Middleswarth moved to amend the first section of the bill, by striking out the last proviso therein.

Pending which,

Mr. Middleswarth moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. Edgerton moved that the bill be laid on the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 54
Nays..... 132

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Thomas H. Benton
George Bliss
William W. Boyce
Preston S. Brooks
Lewis D. Campbell
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Burton Craige
John G. Davis
David T. Disney
James F. Dowdell
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton

Mr. Thomas J. D. Fuller
William O. Goode
Aaron Harlan
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Harvey H. Johnson
George W. Jones
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
Alfred W. Lamb
Milton S. Latham
John Letcher
James A. McDougall
John McQueen
Smith Miller
John S. Millson

Mr. George W. Morrison
Matthias H. Nichols
James L. Orr
Samuel W. Parker
Alex. C. M. Pennington
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
George Read Riddle
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
George W. Smyth
Hector L. Stevens
Andrew Stuart
Edward Wade
William A. Walker
Daniel Wells, jr.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
Willis Allen
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
Edward Ball
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas S. Bocock
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
John S. Caskie
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
Alexander De Witt
John Dick
Edward Dickinson
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Eliot
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
James Gamble
Joshua R. Giddings
John Z. Goodrich

Mr. Henry C. Goodwin
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
William T. Hamilton
Andrew J. Harlan
John Scott Harrison
Solomon G. Haven
Bernhart Henn
Isaac E. Hiester
Thomas M. Howe
Theodore G. Hunt
Daniel T. Jones
John Kerr
Zedekiah Kidwell
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
James H. Lane
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindale
John McCulloch
Fayette McMullen
John McNair
Daniel Mace
Orasmus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
William Murray
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver
Asa Packer
Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham
Bishop Perkins
Paulus Powell
James T. Pratt

Mr. William Preston
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
William A. Richardson
David Ritchie
John Robbins, jr.
Sion H. Rogers
Peter Rowe
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
Jacob Shower
Charles Skelton
Samuel A. Smith
Augustus R. Sollers
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Nathan T. Stratton
Christian M. Straub
David Stuart
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Michael C. Trout
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
Samuel H. Walley
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodoric R. Westbrook
John Wheeler
William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the House refused to lay the bill on the table.

The question then recurring on the demand for the previous question, the House refused to second the same.

The question then recurring on the amendment of Mr. Middle-swarth,

Mr. Benton moved to amend the same, by inserting in lieu thereof the following, viz:

" Provided, That the representatives of no British deserter, who received bounty land, or was entitled to receive it, for services in the revolutionary war, under the acts approved August eighth, seventeen hundred and seventy-six, and March twenty-seventh, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, shall be entitled to receive any land, or pension, or increase of pension, under this act; also, that the representatives of no Canadian or Nova Scotia refugee, who received or was entitled to receive land or pension, for services in the revolutionary war, under the acts passed April twenty-third, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, April thirteenth, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, May twentieth, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and one, April twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and sixteen, April seventh, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and four, February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and one, March third, eighteen hundred and three, April twenty-third, eighteen hundred and twelve, March third, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, or under any other act granting lands or pensions to said Canadian or Nova Scotia refugees, or their representatives, shall receive any bounty land, or pension, or increase of pension, under this act: Also, that no officer or soldier of the revolutionary war, or their representatives, who received bounty land for revolutionary services, or were entitled to receive it, under any one of the forty-seven acts passed for such purpose, from May the twentieth, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, to March third, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, inclusively, shall receive any land under this act: Also, that no person, or their representatives, who received, or were entitled to receive, bounty lands under any one of the forty-four of the acts passed by Congress for satisfying bounties granted by the State of Virginia to her officers and soldiers engaged in the revolutionary war: Also, that no person, or his representative, shall receive any bounty land under the said act who shall have received, or been entitled to receive, bounty land from any one of the States for services performed in the revolutionary war: Also, that no person, or his representative, who belonged to French or other foreign troops, who served in the revolutionary war, shall receive any land under this act: Also, that no evidence, except official record evidence, shall be received and acted upon in any case whatever for bounty land under the provisions of this act.

" And provided further, That no person, or his representative, who served in any war between the years seventeen hundred and ninety and eighteen hundred and twelve, shall be entitled to receive any bounty land under this act, who shall have received, or been entitled to receive, any land under any previous act, and that all claims for land founded on such service shall only be considered and allowed upon record evidence.

" And provided further, That no person, or his representative, claiming land under this act, who served in the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, and who received bounty land, or were entitled to receive bounty land, under any one of the fifty-eight acts, public or private, passed from December twenty-

fourth, eighteen hundred and eleven, to March third, eighteen hundred and forty-five, inclusively, for granting or assuring bounty lands to persons serving in said war, and especially who received bounty lands under the act of May sixth, eighteen hundred and twelve, granting six millions of acres for bounties to such persons, lying in the Territories of Michigan, Illinois, and Missouri, or under the act of April sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixteen, granting an additional quantity of two millions of acres to such persons, lying in the Territory of Arkansas, shall be entitled to receive any bounty land under this act; and no evidence but that of the record shall be received or considered in support of any claim for service in the said war of eighteen hundred and twelve with Great Britain.

"And provided further, That no person, or his legal representative, who shall claim bounty land for services in the late war with Mexico, and who received, or were entitled to receive, bounty lands for such service, under either of the thirteen acts passed for that purpose, from February eleventh to July twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, inclusively, shall receive any land under this act; nor shall any evidence except the record be received in support of any such claim after the lapse of thirty years after the date of the origin of such claim.

"And provided further, That no Indian shall be considered as entitled to the benefits of a white man under this act, unless he shall have been domiciliated among the white people, and shall have been regularly enrolled in the military service, and his claim proved by record evidence.

"And provided further, That no person, or his legal representative, belonging to the naval service of the United States, shall be allowed to receive any bounty land under this act, who received, or were entitled by law to receive, prize money for captures, or destruction of enemies' vessels, during the war, or who have received pensions for such service; and no evidence but that of the record shall be received or considered in support of any claim which shall, at the time it is offered, relate back to a period of thirty years.

"And provided further, That the period of service to entitle any person whatever to bounty land under this act, shall in no case be less than the ordinary length of a campaign, which shall be averaged at six months.

"And provided further, That no increase of pension shall be made under this act to any person whatever, or his representative, which person shall already have received his or her pension for a period of seven years, without having made to Congress, or the government, a written application for an increase, and stating the particular reasons on which such application was founded.

"And provided further, That all bounty lands granted under this act shall be free from tax until the patent shall be granted therefor, and shall be unassignable or transferable during the same period, and that all contracts with agents for any part of the same, or for money, or other thing, in consideration of being instrumental in getting this act passed, or obtaining the warrant or patent after it shall have passed, shall be, and the same is hereby declared to be, null and void; and all payments made on such account shall be recoverable back by any person interested therein, without limitation of time; and that no member of the present Congress, or any person related to him within the levitical degrees of prohibited marriages, shall ever receive an assignment or transfer of any bounty land granted under this act, all such transfers and assignments being hereby declared to be null and void, ab initio."

Pending the question on agreeing thereto,

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the bill and pending amendments be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Frederick P. Stanton,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until to-morrow at 12 o'clock m.

Mr. Haven submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz :

Resolved, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 555) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, shall cease in twenty minutes after the committee resume the consideration of the same, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion thereon;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same; and shall then report them to the House, with such amendments as may have been agreed to.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hendricks reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 555) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1856, and also the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 562) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending June 30, 1856, had directed him to report the former, recommending agreement to some, disagreement to others, and agreement, with amendments, to others of the said amendments; and that the committee had come to no resolution on the latter.

Pending the question on agreeing to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House No. 555, (Indian appropriations,)

Mr. Haven moved that they be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pending which,

Mr. Haven moved that the rules be suspended so as to enable him to move that the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 285) entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Brigadier General Richard B. Mason."

When,

Mr. Campbell made the point of order that the latter motion was out of order, on the ground that a member cannot submit two motions at the same time.

The Speaker (Mr. Letcher in the chair) overruled the point of order, and decided that it was in order for a member to submit two motions, and, as in the present case, the latter motion took precedence of the former.

From this decision of the Chair Mr. Campbell appealed.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Florence, at 10 o'clock and 55 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock a. m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1855.

On motion of Mr. Dunbar, by unanimous consent, the resolution of the Senate (S. Res. 39) in relation to the New Orleans custom-house, was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said resolution be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dunbar moved that the vote by which the said resolution was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. James H. Lane, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. 792) for the increase of John C. Burton's pension; which was read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

On motion of Mr. Cutting, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (No. 683) entitled "An act to prevent mis-trials in the district and circuit courts of the United States in certain cases," was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

Pending the question on its third reading,

Mr. Cutting moved to amend the bill by adding at the end thereof the following, viz:

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said amendment.

It was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendment?

On motion of Mr. Grow, by unanimous consent, the Committee of the Whole House were discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the House (No. 762) for the relief of Daniel Searle and company, for extra service rendered the Post Office Department of the United States, and the House proceeded to its consideration.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

On motion of Mr. Witte, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (No. 456) entitled "An act for the relief of Charles W. Carroll," was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Witte moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Etheridge, by unanimous consent, from the select committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the commissioners appointed by the general assembly of the State of Tennessee, reported a joint resolution (H. Res. 61) in relation to the overflow of the lands near the Mississippi river in the States of Kentucky and Tennessee; which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Maxwell, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (No. 534) entitled "An act to amend 'An act to establish a land district in the State of Florida, to be called the district of Tampa,'" was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Dowdell, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (No. 543) entitled "An act to settle certain accounts between the United States and the State of Alabama," was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Phillips moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Joseph Lane, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (No. 679) entitled "An act to establish the collection districts of Cape Perpetua and Port Orford, in the Territory of Oregon, and to fix the salaries of the officers of the customs therein," was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

By unanimous consent, the House having resumed the consideration of the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 555) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856,

Mr. Haven withdrew the motion submitted by him yesterday to refer the said amendments to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The question then recurring on the said amendments, and the amendments reported thereto from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union,

On motion of Mr. Haven, by unanimous consent, the report of the Committee of the Whole upon the said amendments was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and request their concurrence in the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate.

Mr. Haven moved that the vote by which the said report was agreed to be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

The Speaker having announced, as the regular order of business, the motion submitted by Mr. Haven to suspend the rules, so as to enable him to move that the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 285) entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Brigadier General Richard B. Mason, the pending question being on an appeal of Mr. Campbell from the decision of the Chair holding the said motion to be in order,

Mr. Campbell withdrew his appeal.

The question was then put on the motion to suspend the rules,

And it was decided in the affirmative—two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

The Committee of the Whole House were then discharged from the further consideration of the said bill, and the House proceeded to consider the same.

Pending the question on its third reading,

Mr. Haven moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the bill was ordered to be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Simmons, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the papers in the case of Sally Slyter, widow of Jonathan Slyter, deceased, be withdrawn from the files of the House for the purpose of reference to the Pension Office.

The said papers were thereupon handed to Mr. Simmons.

On motion of Mr. Kurtz, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Andrew Chapman, for the purpose of reference to the Senate.

The said papers were thereupon handed to Mr. Kurtz.

On motion of Mr. Walbridge, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Michael Nourse, provided that copies of the same be left on file.

Mr. Houston, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 594) "making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1856," with the amendments of the Senate thereto, reported the same recommending agreement to some and disagreement to others, and agreement with amendment to others of the said amendments.

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

Mr. Chastain, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That there be paid to the Hon. W. B. W. Dent his per diem as a member of the 33d Congress, for the second session, he having been detained at home by sickness.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickens, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 406. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to reduce and modify the rates of postage in the United States, and for other purposes," passed March 3, 1851—
with amendments, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House; and

H. R. 570. An act for the relief of John R. Bowes, agent in charge of the property of the United States at Michigan City, in the State of Indiana, and of Isaac S. Smith, of the city of Buffalo, New York—
without amendment.

The Senate have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the House (No. 9) for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of R. R. Ward, F. G. Halleck, and Jacob Little, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 793) for their relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the annual report of the condition of the banks throughout the Union; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 527. An act for the relief of Lot Davis.

S. 170. An act for the relief of Mrs. Helen Mackay, administratrix of Lieutenant Colonel Æneas Mackay, late a deputy quartermaster in the United States army.

S. 564. An act granting bounty land to Susan Palmer.

S. 49. A resolution accepting the sword of General Andrew Jackson, and returning the thanks of Congress to the family of the late General Robert Armstrong.

S. 568. An act to promote the efficiency of the navy.

H. R. 747. An act making appropriations for military defences at Proctor's Landing, in Louisiana.

H. R. 353. An act to remodel the diplomatic and consular systems of the United States.

H. R. 554. An act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States, for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856, and for other purposes.

Mr. Green, from the same committee, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, bills of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 362. An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Joseph Savage, deceased;

H. R. 242. An act authorizing the purchase or construction of four additional revenue cutters;

H. R. 736. An act changing the times of holding the United States courts in Tennessee;

S. 589. An act to establish a circuit court of the United States in and for the State of California;

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

Two messages in writing were received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary; which were handed in at the Speaker's table.

Also, a message notifying the House that he did, this day, approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz: .

H. R. 554. An act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States, for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856, and for other purposes.

H. R. 527. An act for the relief of Lot Davis.

H. R. 747. An act making an appropriation for military defences at Proctor's Landing, in Louisiana.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 563. An act to provide a more efficient discipline for the navy; and,

H. R. 688. An act to amend the act approved 26th August, 1852, entitled "An act to reduce and define the boundaries of the military reserve at St. Peter's river, in the Territory of Minnesota," and for other purposes—
severally without amendment.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did, on the 21st instant, approve and sign a bill of the following title, viz:

S. 577. An act authorizing the issuing of a register to the Russian-built ship "Aina."

On the 24th instant, a bill and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

S. 523. An act to establish a court for the investigation of claims against the United States; and

S. Res. 38. A resolution for the relief of Rebecca Hinton.

And on this day, bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

S. 568. An act to promote the efficiency of the navy.

S. 564. An act granting bounty land to Susan Palmer.

S. 170. An act for the relief of Mrs. Helen Mackay, administratrix of Lieutenant Colonel Aeneas Mackay, late a deputy quartermaster in the United States army.

S. Res. 49. A resolution accepting the sword of General Andrew Jackson, and returning the thanks of Congress to the family of the late General Robert Armstrong.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Napoleon B. Giddings moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to move that the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the House (No. 698) entitled "A bill to amend the act of Congress approved May 23, 1844, entitled 'An act for the relief of the citizens of towns upon lands of the United States under certain circumstances,'"

Pending which,

The hour of 12 o'clock m. having arrived, the House resumed the consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 511) entitled "An act in addition to certain acts granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States."

When,

Mr. George W. Jones moved that its further consideration be postponed until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m; which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Benton having modified the motion heretofore submitted by him to amend the amendment of Mr. Middleswarth,

After debate,

Mr. Benton moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

After further debate,

Mr. Campbell moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered to be put.

The question was first put on the motion of Mr. George W. Jones to commit the said bill to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union,

And it was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 71
Nays..... 110

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
David J. Bailey
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Thomas H. Benton
George Bliss
Samuel Caruthers
Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Burton Craige
John G. Davis
David T. Disney
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmands
Charles J. Faulkner
Reuben E. Fenton
Thomas J. D. Fuller
William O. Goode

Mr. William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Sampson W. Harris
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
George S. Houston
Harvey H. Johnson
George W. Jones
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
Alfred W. Lamb
Milton S. Latham
John Letcher
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
John McQueen
John B. Macy
James Meacham
Smith Miller
John S. Millson

Mr. Matthias H. Nichols
James L. Orr
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham
Bishop Perkins
John S. Phelps
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Otho R. Singleton
William Smith
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
Hector L. Stevens
John J. Taylor
Andrew Tracy
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Mike Walsh
Daniel Wells, jr.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Willis Allen
 William Appleton
 Edward Ball
 Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
 Samuel P. Benson
 Thomas S. Boccock
 Samuel A. Bridges
 Francis M. Bristow
 Robert M. Bugg
 Lewis D. Campbell
 Davis Carpenter
 John S. Caskie
 Joseph R. Chandler
 Elijah W. Chastain
 James S. Chrisman
 John P. Cook
 Moses B. Corwin
 Leander M. Cox
 Samuel L. Crocker
 William Cullom
 Thomas Davis
 John L. Dawson
 Alexander De Witt
 Edward Dickinson
 Thomas D. Eliot
 John M. Elliott
 Andrew Ellison
 William H. English
 Emerson Etheridge
 William Everhart
 E. Wilder Farley
 Thomas T. Flagler
 Thomas B. Florence
 James Gamble
 John Z. Goodrich
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Frederick W. Green

Mr. Alfred B. Greenwood
 Ben Edwards Grey
 Andrew J. Harlan
 John Scott Harrison
 Solomon G. Haven
 Thomas M. Howe
 Charles Hughes
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Colin M. Ingersoll
 Daniel T. Jones
 John Kerr
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 James Knox
 William H. Kurtz
 Charles S. Lewis
 Samuel Lilly
 James J. Lindley
 William D. Lindaley
 Caleb Lyon
 John McCulloch
 Fayette McMullen
 John McNair
 Daniel Mace
 Orasmus B. Matteson
 James Maurice
 Ner Middlewarth
 Edwin B. Morgan
 William Murray
 David A. Noble
 Andrew Oliver
 Mordecai Oliver
 Asa Packer
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 Paulus Powell
 James T. Pratt
 Benjamin Pringle
 Richard C. Puryear

Mr. Charles Ready
 David A. Reese
 William A. Richardson
 George Read Riddle
 John Robbins, jr.
 Peter Rowe
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 William R. Sapp
 Jacob Shower
 George A. Simmons
 Charles Skelton
 Augustus R. Sollers
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Richard H. Stanton
 Nathan T. Stratton
 Christian M. Straub
 David Stuart
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Michael C. Trout
 Charles W. Upham
 Joshua Vansant
 Samuel H. Walley
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 John Wentworth
 Tappan Wentworth
 Theodorie B. Westbrook
 John Wheeler
 Hendrick B. Wright
 Richard Yates
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the House refused to commit the bill.

The question was then put on the motion of Mr. Benton to refer the bill to the Committee of Ways and Means,

And it was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 72
 Nays..... 105

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
 James C. Allen
 David J. Bailey
 William S. Barry
 Nathan Belcher
 Thomas H. Benton
 George Bliss
 Preston S. Brooks
 Samuel Clark
 Thomas L. Clingman
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 Burton Craige
 Carlton B. Curtis
 Francis B. Cutting
 John G. Davis
 John L. Dawson

Mr. David T. Disney
 James F. Dowdell
 William Dunbar
 Ben C. Eastman
 Norman Eddy
 Alfred P. Edgerton
 J. Wiley Edmands
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Reuben E. Fenton
 Thomas J. D. Fuller
 William T. Hamilton
 Aaron Harlan
 Sampson W. Harris
 Wiley P. Harris
 George Hastings
 Thomas A. Hendricks

Mr. Bernhart Henn
 Harry Hibbard
 George S. Houston
 Harvey H. Johnson
 George W. Jones
 Roland Jones
 Lawrence M. Keitt
 Alfred W. Lamb
 Milton S. Latham
 John Letcher
 Moses Macdonald
 James A. McDougall
 John McQueen
 John B. Macy
 James Meacham
 Smith Miller

Mr. John S. Millson
Matthias H. Nichols
James L. Orr
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Bishop Perkins
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips

Mr. Russell Sage
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Sharnon
Henry M. Shaw
Otho R. Singleton
William Smith
William R. Smith

Mr. George W. Smyth
Hector L. Stevens
John J. Taylor
Andrew Tracy
Edward Wade
William A. Walker
Mike Walsh
Daniel Wells, jr.

Those who voted in the negative are—



Mr. James Abercrombie
Willis Allen
Edward Ball
William Barksdale
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas S. Bocock
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
John S. Caskie
Joseph R. Chandler
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Elliot
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
James Gamble
William O. Goode
John Z. Goodrich
Frederick W. Green

Mr. Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
John Scott Harrison
Solomon G. Haven
Isaac E. Hiester
Thomas M. Howe
Theodore G. Hunt
Daniel T. Jones
John Kerr
Zedekiah Kidwell
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindale
Caleb Lyon
John McCulloch
Fayette McMullen
John McNair
Daniel Mace
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
William Murray
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver
Asa Packer
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Paulus Powell
James T. Pratt
William Preston

Mr. Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Charles Skelton
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Nathan T. Stratton
Christian M. Straub
David Stuart
John L. Taylor
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Ellihu B. Washburne
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodor R. Westbrook
John Wheeler
William H. Witte
Hendrick B. Wright
Richard Yates
Felix K. Zollcoffer.

So the House refused to refer the bill.

The question then recurred on the amendment to the amendment submitted by Mr. Benton;

And being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 63
Nays..... 99

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
David J. Bailey
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Thomas H. Benton

Mr. George Bliss
Preston S. Brooks
Samuel Caruthers
Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Burton Craige
Carlton B. Curtis

Mr. John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
David T. Disney
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton

Mr. Reuben E. Fenton
 Thomas J. D. Fuller
 William O. Goode
 William T. Hamilton
 Aaron Harlan
 Sampson W. Harris
 George Hastings
 Solomon G. Haven
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Bernhart Henn
 George S. Houston
 Charles Hughes
 Harvey H. Johnson
 George W. Jones

Mr. Roland Jones
 Alfred W. Lamb
 John Letcher
 William D. Linsdaley
 Moses Macdonald
 James A. McDougall
 John McQueen
 John B. Macy
 Orsamus B. Matteson
 Henry May
 Smith Miller
 Matthias H. Nichols
 James L. Orr
 Samuel W. Parker

Mr. Rufus W. Peckham
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 Bishop Perkins
 James L. Seward
 Wilson Shannon
 Henry M. Shaw
 Otho R. Singleton
 William R. Smith
 George W. Smyth
 Hestor L. Stevens
 Edward Wade
 William A. Walker
 Mike Walsh
 Daniel Wells, jr.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
 Willis Allen
 Edward Ball
 Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
 Samuel P. Benson
 Samuel A. Bridges
 Francis M. Bristow
 Robert M. Bugg
 Lewis D. Campbell
 Davis Carpenter
 John S. Caskie
 Joseph R. Chandler
 Elijah W. Chastain
 James S. Chrisman
 Thomas L. Clingman
 John P. Cook
 Moses B. Corwin
 Leander M. Cox
 Samuel L. Crocker
 William Cullom
 Thomas Davis
 Alexander De Witt
 Edward Dickinson
 Henry A. Edmundson
 Thomas D. Eliot
 John M. Elliott
 Andrew Ellison
 William H. English
 Emerson Etheridge
 William Everhart
 E. Wilder Farley
 Thomas T. Flagler
 Thomas B. Florence

Mr. James Gamble
 John Z. Goodrich
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 Ben Edwards Grey
 Andrew J. Harlan
 John Scott Harrison
 Isaac E. Hiester
 Thomas M. Howe
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Daniel T. Jones
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 James Knox
 William H. Kurtz
 Charles S. Lewis
 Samuel Lilly
 John McCulloch
 John McNair
 James Maurice
 James Meacham
 Ner Middleswarth
 Edwin B. Morgan
 William Murray
 David A. Noble
 Jesse O. Norton
 Andrew Oliver
 Asa Packer
 Paulus Powell
 James T. Pratt
 William Preston
 Benjamin Pringle
 Richard C. Puryear
 Charles Ready
 David A. Reese

Mr. William A. Richardson
 George Read Riddle
 John Robbins, jr.
 Peter Rowe
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabie
 William R. Sapp
 Origen S. Seymour
 Jacob Shower
 George A. Simmons
 Charles Skelton
 William Smith
 Augustus R. Sollers
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Richard H. Stanton
 Nathan T. Stratton
 Christian M. Straub
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Michael C. Trout
 Charles W. Upham
 Joshua Vansant
 Samuel H. Walley
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 John Wentworth
 Tappan Wentworth
 Theodorice R. Westbrook
 William H. Witte
 Hendrick B. Wright
 Richard Yates
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the said amendment to the amendment was disagreed to.
 The question then recurred on the amendment of Mr. Middleswarth;
 And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 93
 { Nays..... 74

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
 James C. Allen
 Edward Ball
 Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.

Mr. Nathan Belcher
 Samuel P. Benson
 Samuel A. Bridges
 Robert M. Bugg

Mr. Lewis D. Campbell
 Davis Carpenter
 Joseph R. Chandler
 James S. Chrisman

Mr. John P. Cook
 Moses B. Corwin
 Leander M. Cox
 Samuel L. Crocker
 William Cullom
 Thomas Davis
 Alexander De Witt
 Edward Dickinson
 William Dunbar
 Ben C. Eastman
 J. Wiley Edmonds
 Thomas D. Eliot
 William Everhart
 E. Wilder Farley
 Thomas T. Flagler
 Thomas B. Florence
 Thomas J. D. Fuller
 James Gamble
 John Z. Goodrich
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Aaron Harlan
 Andrew J. Harlan
 John Scott Harrison
 Solomon G. Haven
 Thomas M. Howe
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Colin M. Ingersoll

Mr. Daniel T. Jones
 James Knox
 William H. Kurtz
 John McCulloch
 James A. McDougall
 John McNair
 Orsamus B. Matteson
 James Maurice
 Samuel Mayall
 James Meacham
 Ner Middlewarth
 Edwin B. Morgan
 William Murray
 Matthias H. Nichols
 Jesse O. Norton
 Mordecai Oliver
 Asa Packer
 Jared V. Peck
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 Bishop Perkins
 James T. Pratt
 Benjamin Pringle
 Charles Ready
 David A. Reese
 William A. Richardson
 John Robbins, jr.
 Peter Rowe

Mr. Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 William B. Sapp
 Origen S. Seymour
 George A. Simmons
 Augustus R. Sollers
 Richard H. Stanton
 Hester L. Stevens
 Christian M. Straub
 David Stuart
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Michael C. Trout
 Charles W. Upham
 Edward Wade
 Samuel H. Walley
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 John Wentworth
 Tappan Wentworth
 Theodorie R. Westbrook
 John Wheeler
 Hendrick B. Wright
 Richard Yates.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken
 Willis Allen
 David J. Bailey
 William Barksdale
 William S. Barry
 Thomas H. Benton
 George Bliss
 Thomas S. Bocock
 Francis M. Bristow
 Preston S. Brooks
 Samuel Caruthers
 John S. Caskie
 Elijah W. Chastain
 Samuel Clark
 Thomas L. Clingman
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 Burton Craige
 Carlton B. Curtis
 John G. Davis
 John L. Dawson
 David T. Disney
 James F. Dowdell
 Norman Eddy
 Alfred P. Edgerton
 John M. Elliott

Mr. Emerson Etheridge
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Reuben E. Fenton
 William O. Goode
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 Ben Edwards Grey
 William T. Hamilton
 Sampson W. Harris
 Wiley P. Harris
 Bernhart Henn
 Harry Hibbard
 Isaac E. Hiester
 George S. Houston
 Harvey H. Johnson
 George W. Jones
 Roland Jones
 John Kerr
 Alfred W. Lamb
 John Letcher
 Charles S. Lewis
 Samuel Lilly
 William D. Lindale
 Fayette McMullen
 John McQueen
 Henry May

Mr. Smith Miller
 John S. Millson
 David A. Noble
 Andrew Oliver
 James L. Orr
 Samuel W. Parker
 Rufus W. Peckham
 John S. Phelps
 Paulus Powell
 William Preston
 Richard C. Puryear
 Henry M. Shaw
 Jacob Shower
 Otho R. Singleton
 Charles Skelton
 William Smith
 William R. Smith
 George W. Smyth
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Nathan T. Stratton
 Joshua Vansant
 William A. Walker
 Mike Walsh
 William H. Witte.

So the said amendment was agreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be read a third time;

When,

Mr. Richardson moved that the vote by which the bill was ordered to be read a third time be reconsidered.

Pending which,

Mr. Richardson moved the previous question; which was seconded

and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said motion to reconsider was agreed to.

The question again recurring on the third reading of the bill,

Mr. Richardson submitted the following amendment in the nature of a substitute therefor, viz: Strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert—

“That each of the surviving commissioned and non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, whether of regulars, volunteers, rangers, or militia, who were regularly mustered into the service of the United States, and every officer, commissioned and non-commissioned, seaman, ordinary seaman, marine, flotilla-man, clerk, and landsman in the navy, in any of the wars in which this country has been engaged since seventeen hundred and ninety, and each of the survivors of the militia, or volunteers, or State troops of any State or Territory, called into military service, and regularly mustered therein, and whose services have been paid by the United States, shall be entitled to receive a certificate or warrant from the Department of the Interior for one hundred and sixty acres of land; and where any of those who have been so mustered into service and paid shall have received a certificate or warrant, he shall be entitled to a certificate or warrant for such quantity of land as will make, in the whole, with what he may have heretofore received, one hundred and sixty acres to each such person having served as aforesaid: Provided, The person so having been in service shall not receive said land warrant if it shall appear by the muster-rolls of his regiment or corps that he deserted or was dishonorably discharged from service.

“Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That in case of the death of any person who, if living, would be entitled to a certificate or warrant as aforesaid under this act, leaving a widow, or, if no widow, a minor child or children, such widow, or, if no widow, such minor child or children, shall be entitled to receive a certificate or warrant for the same quantity of land that such deceased person would be entitled to receive under the provisions of this act if now living: Provided, That a subsequent marriage shall not impair the right of any such widow to such warrant if she be a widow at the time of making her application: And provided further, That those shall be considered minors who are so at the time this act shall take effect.

“Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That in no case shall any such certificate or warrant be issued for any service less than fourteen days, except where the person shall actually have been engaged in battle, and unless the party claiming such certificate or warrant shall establish his or her right thereto by recorded evidence of said service.

“Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That said certificates or warrants may be assigned, transferred, and located by the warrantees, their assignees, or their heirs-at-law, according to the provisions of existing laws regulating the assignment, transfer, and location of bounty-land warrants.

“Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That no warrant issued under the provisions of this act shall be located on any public lands, except such as shall at the time be subject to sale at either the minimum or lower graduated prices.

“Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That the registers and receivers of the several land offices shall be severally authorized to charge and receive for their services in locating all warrants under the provisions of this act the same compensation or per-centage to which they are entitled by law for sales of the

public lands, for cash, at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre; the said compensation to be paid by the assignees or holders of such warrants.

"Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That the provisions of this act, and all the bounty-land laws heretofore passed by Congress, shall be extended to Indians, in the same manner and to the same extent as if the said Indians had been white men.

"Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, That the officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war, or their widows or minor children, shall be entitled to the benefits of this act.

"Sec. 9. And be it further enacted, That the benefits of this act shall be applied to and embrace those who served as volunteers at the invasion of Plattsburg, in September, eighteen hundred and fourteen; also at the battle of King's Mountain, in the revolutionary war, and the battle of Nickojok, against the confederated savages of the south.

"Sec. 10. And be it further enacted, That the provisions of this act shall apply to the chaplains who served with the army in the several wars of the country.

"Sec. 11. And be it further enacted, That the provisions of this act be applied to those who served as volunteers at the attack on Lewistown, in Delaware, by the British fleet, in the war of eighteen hundred and twelve-fifteen."

Pending the question on agreeing thereto,

Mr. Howe moved to amend the same, by inserting at the end of the first section the following, viz:

"Provided further, That the benefits of this section shall be held to extend to wagon-masters and teamsters who may have been employed, under the direction of competent authority in time of war, in the transportation of military stores and supplies."

Pending which,

Mr. Richardson moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the amendment to the amendment was agreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the amendment as amended was agreed to.

The question was then put, Shall the bill be read a third time?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

It was accordingly read the third time.

Pending the question on its passage,

Mr. Richardson moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered to be put.

When,

Mr. Roland Jones moved, at 4 o'clock and 45 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put, Shall the bill pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas 136
Nays 39

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
William Appleton
Edward Ball

Mr. William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Henry Bennett

Mr. Samuel P. Benson
George Bliss
Thomas S. Bocock

Mr. Samuel A. Bridges
 Francis M. Bristow
 Robert M. Bugg
 Lewis D. Campbell
 Davis Carpenter
 Samuel Caruthers
 John S. Caskie
 Joseph R. Chandler
 •Elijah W. Chastain
 James S. Chrisman
 Thomas L. Clingman
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 John P. Cook
 Moses B. Corwin
 Leander M. Cox
 Samuel L. Crocker
 William Cullom
 Thomas Davis
 John L. Dawson
 Alexander De Witt
 Edward Dickinson
 Henry A. Edmundson
 Thomas D. Eliot
 John M. Elliott
 Andrew Ellison
 Emerson Etheridge
 William Everhart
 E. Wilder Farley
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Reuben E. Fenton
 Thomas T. Flagler
 Thomas B. Florence
 James Gamble
 William O. Goode
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Frederick W. Green
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 Ben Edwards Grey
 William T. Hamilton
 Sampson W. Harris
 Wiley P. Harris
 John Scott Harrison
 Solomon G. Haven

Mr. Isaac E. Hiester
 Thomas M. Howe
 Charles Hughes
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Colin M. Ingersoll
 Harvey H. Johnson
 Daniel T. Jones
 John Kerr
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 James Knox
 William H. Kurtz
 John Letcher
 Charles S. Lewis
 Samuel Lilly
 William D. Lindaley
 Caleb Lyon
 John McCulloch
 Fayette McMullen
 John McNair
 Orasmus B. Matteson
 James Maurice
 Henry May
 Samuel Mayall
 James Meacham
 Ner Middleswarth
 Edwin B. Morgan
 William Murray
 David A. Noble
 Jesse O. Norton
 Edson B. Olds
 Andrew Oliver
 Mordecai Oliver
 Asa Packer
 Rufus W. Peckham
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 John S. Phelps
 Paulus Powell
 James T. Pratt
 William Preston
 Benjamin Pringle
 Richard C. Puryear
 Charles Ready

Mr. David A. Reese
 William A. Richardson
 George Read Riddle
 John Robbins, jr.
 Peter Rowe
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 William R. Sapp
 James L. Seward
 Jacob Shower
 George A. Simmons
 Otho R. Singleton
 Charles Skelton
 Samuel A. Smith
 William Smith
 Augustus R. Sollers
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Richard H. Stanton
 Nathan T. Stratton
 Christian M. Straub
 Andrew Stuart
 David Stuart
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Michael C. Trout
 Charles W. Upham
 Joshua Vansant
 Hiram Walbridge
 Samuel H. Walley
 Elihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 John Wentworth
 Tappan Wentworth
 Theodor B. Westbrook
 John Wheeler
 William H. Witte
 Hendrick B. Wright
 Richard Yates
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken
 Nathan Belcher
 Thomas H. Benton
 Samuel Clark
 Burton Craig
 John G. Davis
 David T. Disney
 James F. Dowdell
 William Dunbar
 Ben C. Eastman
 Norman Eddy
 Alfred P. Edgerton
 J. Wiley Edmands

Mr. Thomas J. D. Fuller
 Aaron Harlan
 Bernhart Henn
 Harry Hibbard
 George S. Houston
 George W. Jones
 Roland Jones
 Alfred W. Lamb
 James A. McDougall
 John McQueen
 John B. Macy
 Smith Miller
 John S. Millson

Mr. George W. Morrison
 Matthias H. Nichols
 James L. Orr
 Samuel W. Parker
 Origen S. Seymour
 Henry M. Shaw
 William R. Smith
 George W. Smyth
 Hester L. Stevens
 Edward Wade
 William A. Walker
 Mike Walsh
 Daniel Wells, jr.

So the bill was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the amendments of the House thereto.

Mr. Richardson moved that the vote by which the said bill was

passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Campbell moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; which motion was agreed to.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hendricks reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 562) for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856, had come to no resolution thereon.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the amendments of this House to the bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz :

S. 6. An act to grant to the State of Ohio the unsold and unappropriated public lands remaining unsold in that State;

S. 352. An act extending in certain cases the provisions of the act entitled "An act to extend pre-emption rights to certain land therein mentioned," approved March 3, 1853; and

S. 683. An act to prevent mis-trials in the district and circuit courts of the United States in certain cases.

The Senate have passed, without amendment, bills of this House of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 595. An act making appropriations for the transportation of the United States mail by ocean steamers and otherwise, during the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1855, and the 30th of June, 1856..

H. R. 762. An act for the relief of Daniel Searle and Company, for extra service rendered the Post Office Department of the United States.

The Senate agree to the amendments of this House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 555) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1856, and for other purposes; insist upon their amendments disagreed to by the House to the said bill, ask a conference with the House upon the said disagreeing votes, and have appointed Mr. Shields, Mr. Pearce, and Mr. Johnson, the said committee on their part.

Mr. Hendricks moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to move that the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the further consideration of the following bill, and that the House consider the same, viz :

S. 603. An act for the relief of Mrs. Nancy Weatherford, widow of Colonel William Weatherford, first regiment of Illinois volunteers ;

And that the bill of the Senate (No. 677) for the relief of Mrs. J. Josephine McClellan be taken from the Speaker's table ;

And also to enable him to introduce a bill to continue the pension of Francis E. Baden.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Florence, at 12 o'clock and 25 minutes a. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock a. m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1855.

The following petitions and resolution were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Rowe: The petition of William S. Kittle, J. H. Denniston, and mail-route agents, asking for increase of their compensation; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. John M. Elliott: The petition of the administrator and legal representatives of James Dysort—heretofore presented December 14, 1831; which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Singleton: The petition of citizens of township No. 8, in range No. 13 east, in the Columbus land district, in the State of Mississippi, for a grant of land to said township, in lieu of the 16th section, which was reserved by the Indians; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Giddings: The petition of citizens of the State of Ohio, for the repeal of the fugitive slave law; which was laid on the table.

By Mr. Rice: Preamble and resolution of the House of Representatives of the Territory of Minnesota, to repeal so much of the act to organize said Territory as deprives her citizens of the right of self-government; which was referred to the Committee on the Territories.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the following messages received yesterday from the President of the United States, viz:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to Congress, herewith, a communication of this date from the Secretary of the Interior, and recommend that the appropriation therein asked for be made.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, February 27, 1855.

Ordered. That the said message and accompanying documents be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate herewith, for the consideration of Congress, a letter of this date, from the Secretary of the Interior, and accompanying paper, recommending certain appropriations on account of the Indian service.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, February 27, 1855.

Ordered. That the said message and accompanying documents be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and printed.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, also laid before the House executive communications as follows, viz:

I. A letter from the Second Auditor of the Treasury Department, transmitting copies of such accounts as have been rendered by persons charged with the disbursement of money, goods, &c., for the benefit of the Indians, &c., as required by law; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Treasurer of the United States, transmitting copies of his account of receipts and disbursements for the Post Office Department for the year ending June 30, 1854; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

III. A letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting his annual statements relative to bids, contracts, new routes, additional allowances for, and curtailments of, mail service during the last fiscal year; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

By unanimous consent, thirty minutes were set apart for the consideration of such business as should not be objected to and which should give rise to no debate.

When,

Mr. Fuller, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (H. R. 794) to establish Columbus, in the State of Mississippi, Chattanooga, in the State of Tennessee, and Hickman, in the State of Kentucky, ports of delivery; which was read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Mr. Tappan Wentworth, from the same committee, to whom were referred the bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

No. 549. A bill making a further appropriation for completing the improvement of Mobile bay;

No. 551. A bill making appropriation for completing the shelter harbor at Reedy island, in the river Delaware;

No. 571. A bill making appropriations for continuing the piers and constructing the breakwater at Michigan City, in the State of Indiana, and to otherwise improve the harbor at said city;

No. 585. A bill making a further appropriation for deepening the bar of Charleston harbor;

No. 614. A bill continuing the improvement of the harbor of Dunkirk, New York, on Lake Erie;

No. 633. A bill making an appropriation for continuing the improvement for the preservation of Great Woods Hole harbor, Massachusetts;

No. 634. A bill making appropriations for continuing the repairs of the breakwater at Hyannis harbor, Massachusetts;

No. 641. A bill making an appropriation for continuing the improvement of Taunton river, Massachusetts;

No. 643. A bill making appropriation for continuing the sea-wall for the protection of Great Brewster island, in the harbor of Boston, Massachusetts;

No. 644. A bill making appropriations for repairs of the sea-wall on Deer and Lovell's islands, in Boston harbor, Massachusetts;

No. 648. A bill making an appropriation for continuing the improvement in the harbor of Cleveland, in the State of Ohio;

No. 667. A bill for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Newark, and Passaic river, and of Newark bay, in New Jersey—

Reported the said bills severally without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bills be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

Mr. Tappan Wentworth, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 795. A bill making appropriations for the improvement of the harbor of Huron, Ohio;

No. 796. A bill to provide for a survey of the harbors at Marblehead, Nantucket, and Sandy Bay, in the State of Massachusetts;

No. 797. A bill making an appropriation for continuing the improvement of the Kennebeck river, in the State of Maine;

No. 798. A bill for continuing the improvement of the navigation of the Arkansas river;

No. 799. A bill making appropriation for continuing the removal of the rocks obstructing the navigation near Falls island, Maine; .

No. 800. A bill for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Oak Orchard, on Lake Ontario;

No. 801. A bill making appropriations for the construction and repairs of certain dredge, snag, and machine boats and discharging-scows;

No. 802. A bill making appropriation for continuing the breakwater at Rockland harbor, in Maine;

No. 803. A bill making appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Missouri river;

No. 804. A bill making appropriation for continuing the improvement of the harbor at Kenosha, Wisconsin;

No. 805. A bill making appropriations for the improvement of the Appomattox river below Petersburg, Virginia;

No. 806. A bill making appropriations for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Sodus bay, Wayne county, New York;

No. 807. A bill making appropriation for the construction of a levee across the mouth of the river San Diego, California, and other works;

No. 808. A bill for the improvement of the harbor of St. Joseph, Michigan;

No. 809. A bill for the improvement of East Pascagoula river;

No. 810. A bill making appropriations for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Buffalo, New York;

No. 811. A bill making appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Tennessee river;

No. 812. A bill making appropriation for continuing the Delaware breakwater, in Delaware;

No. 813. A bill making appropriations for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Sandusky City, Ohio;

No. 814. A bill making appropriation for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Racine, Wisconsin;

No. 815. A bill making appropriation for the repair of the piers in Saco river, in the State of Maine;

No. 816. A bill making appropriation for continuing the improvement of the harbor at the mouth of Clinton river, Michigan;

No. 817. A bill making appropriations for the further improvement of the navigation of the James river, Virginia ;

No. 818. A bill making appropriations for continuing the construction of the harbor on Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana ;

No. 819. A bill making appropriations for the improvement of the navigation of the Colorado river ;

No. 820. A bill making appropriations for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Ashtabula, Ohio ;

No. 821. A bill for continuing the improvement of the navigation of the Illinois river ;

No. 822. A bill making appropriation for the removal of obstructions from the Susquehanna river ;

No. 823. A bill for the improvement of the harbor of New Buffalo, Michigan ;

No. 824. A bill making appropriation for the improvement of the harbor of Oswego, New York ;

No. 825. A bill making appropriation for continuing the improvement of the Hudson river above and below Albany, New York ;

No. 826. A bill for continuing the improvement of the navigation of the Tennessee river ;

No. 827. A bill making appropriation for continuing the removal of the rocks at Hell Gate and Diamond reef, New York harbor ;

No. 828. A bill making appropriations for continuing the connexion of the waters of the Indian river and Mosquito lagoon, Florida ;

No. 829. A bill for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Waukegan, Illinois ;

No. 830. A bill making an appropriation for the construction of steam-dredges, steam-tug equipments, and discharging-scows, for Chesapeake bay and the Atlantic coast ;

No. 831. A bill making appropriation for continuing the survey of the harbors of Galveston and Paso Cavello, and other harbors and rivers in Texas ;

No. 832. A bill for continuing the improvement of the Des Moines rapids, in the Mississippi river ;

No. 833. A bill making appropriations for continuing the breakwater at Richmond Island harbor, Maine ;

No. 834. A bill making appropriations for the improvement of the harbor of Manitowoc, Wisconsin ;

No. 835. A bill making appropriation for continuing the repairs of the piers, and the improvement of the harbor of New Castle, Delaware.

No. 836. A bill for the improvement of the harbor of Black Lake, Michigan ;

No. 837. A bill making appropriation for continuing the removal of the obstructions near the mouth of Seekonk river, Rhode Island ;

No. 838. A bill making appropriations for continuing the improvement of the harbor at Milwaukie, Wisconsin ;

No. 839. A bill for the improvement of the harbor of Waukegan, in the State of Illinois ;

No. 840. A bill making appropriation for the improvement of the harbor of Sheboygan, Wisconsin ;

No. 841. A bill making appropriation for the improvement of the harbor of Dubuque;

No. 842. A bill making appropriations to continue and extend the piers in the harbor of Monroe, in the State of Michigan;

No. 843. A bill making appropriation for continuing the improvement in the harbor at the mouth of Grand river, Ohio;

No. 844. A bill making appropriation for the improvement of the harbor of Burlington, Vermont;

No. 845. A bill for continuing the improvement of the Rock River rapids, in the Mississippi river;

No. 846. A bill making appropriations for the improvement of the harbor of Bridgeport, in the State of Connecticut;

No. 847. A bill making appropriation for the improvement of the Ohio river;

No. 848. A bill making appropriations for continuing the repairs of the injuries done to the government works on Plymouth beach, Massachusetts;

No. 849. A bill for the improvement of the harbor of Grand Haven, Michigan;

No. 850. A bill making appropriations for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Erie, Pennsylvania;

No. 851. A bill making appropriations for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Conneaut, Ohio;

No. 852. A bill making appropriations for continuing the repairs of the breakwater in Portland harbor, Maine;

No. 853. A bill for the removal of the obstructions at Colbert's shoals, in the Tennessee river;

No. 854. A bill making appropriations for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Sodus bay, Cayuga county, New York; which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill of this House of the following title, viz:

H. R. 752. An act to regulate the carriage of passengers in steamships and other vessels—
with amendments, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Upham, the Committee of the Whole House were discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution (H. Res. 24) for the adjustment of the accounts of John D. Colmesnil, and the House proceeded to its consideration.

Mr. Upham submitted an amendment in the nature of a substitute therefor; which was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the said resolution be engrossed and read a third time. Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Upham, the title of the resolution was amended by inserting before the word "adjustment" the word "*final.*"

The title as amended was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Thomas D. Eliot, the bill of the Senate (No. 395) for the relief of Peter Amey, was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That it be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Hughes, the Committee of the Whole House were discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 552) entitled "An act for the relief of George W. Torrence," and the House proceeded to its consideration.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Peckham, the bill of the Senate (No. 560) entitled "An act to amend an act to carry into effect a treaty between the United States and Great Britain, signed on the 5th June, 1854, and approved August 5, 1854," was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Carpenter, the Committee of the Whole House were discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 192) entitled "An act for the relief of Amos Knapp," and the House proceeded to its consideration.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Morgan, the Committee of the Whole House were discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 430) entitled "An act for the relief of Henry S. Sanford," and the House proceeded to its consideration.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Ingersoll moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Matteson, the bill of the Senate (No. 521) entitled "An act for the relief of Parmelia Slavin, late the wife of John Blue, deceased," was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks, the bill of the Senate (No. 677) entitled "An act for the relief of Mrs. J. Josephine McClellan," was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Edmands, the Committee of the Whole House were discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the House (No. 773) for the relief of Jesse French, of Braintree, Massachusetts, and the House proceeded to the consideration of the same.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Murray, from the Committee on Printing, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That such of the extra numbers of executive documents as are ordered to be printed in quarto form, shall be bound by the public binder of the House, as the House Committee on Printing shall authorize and direct, and at such price as said committee shall deem reasonable and just.

On motion of Mr. Pringle, the Committee of the Whole House were discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the House (No. 769) for the relief of the heirs of Mary Jemison, deceased, and the House proceeded to its consideration.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

The time set apart for the consideration of business which should not be objected to, having expired,

The Speaker stated the question to be on the motion submitted yesterday by Mr. Napoleon B. Giddings, to suspend the rules so as to enable him to move that the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the House (No. 698) to amend the act of Congress, approved May 23, 1844, entitled "An act for the relief of the citizens of towns upon lands of the United States under certain circumstances."

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative,	{ Yeas.....	74
	{ Nays	83

Two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. Willis Allen
William S. Ashe
David J. Bailey
William Barkdale
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Peter H. Bell
Samuel Caruthers
James S. Chrisman
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John P. Cook
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis
Francis B. Cutting
David T. Disney
James F. Dowdell
Augustus Drum
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
John M. Elliott

Mr. Emerson Etheridge
Charles J. Faulkner
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Andrew J. Harlan
Sampson W. Harris
Wiley P. Harris
George S. Houston
Colin M. Ingersoll
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
William D. Lindley
James A. McDougall
John B. Macy
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Samuel Mayall
Smith Miller
Matthias H. Nichols

Mr. Edson B. Olds
Mordecai Oliver
Asa Packer
Rufus W. Peckham
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell
James T. Pratt
Charles Ready
George Read Riddle
Thomas Ritchey
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Otho R. Singleton
William Smith
William R. Smith
George W. Smyth
Augustus R. Sollers
Hector L. Stevens
Nathan T. Stratton
Christian M. Straub
David Stuart
John L. Taylor

Mr. Michael C. Trout
Joshua Vansant

Mr. Daniel Wells, jr.
Theodorio R. Westbrook

Mr. Hendrick B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Joseph R. Chandler
Elijah W. Chastain
Samuel Clark
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Burton Craige
Samuel L. Crocker
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
Edward Dickinson
Norman Eddy
J. Wiley Edmands
Henry A. Edmundson
Andrew Ellison
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas B. Florence
Joshua R. Giddings

Mr. William O. Goode
John Z. Goodrich
Ben Edwards Grey
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
John Scott Harrison
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Isaac E. Hiester
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
John Kerr
James Knox
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Caleb Lyon
Moses Macdonald
John McNair
John McQueen
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
William Murray

Mr. David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Samuel W. Parker
Alex. C. M. Pennington
David A. Reese
David Ritchie
Sion H. Rogers
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
George A. Simmons
Frederick P. Stanton
Andrew Stuart
John J. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
Samuel H. Walley
Mike Walsh
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
John Wentworth
John Wheeler.

So the House refused to suspend the rules.

On motion of Mr. Green, by unanimous consent, the Speaker appointed Mr. Stratton, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Seward, additional members of the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By unanimous consent, leave was granted for the members of the Committee on Enrolled Bills to have their names recorded upon any yea and nay vote, provided they are present before the result of the vote is announced.

On motion of Mr. Haven, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the House insist upon their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate, insisted on by the Senate, to the bill of the House (No. 555) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856; agree to the conference asked for by the Senate on the said disagreeing votes, and appoint Mr. Haven, Mr. Orr, and Mr. John G. Davis the said committee on their part.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks, the rules having been suspended for that purpose, the Committee of the Whole House were discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 603) entitled "An act for the relief of Mrs. Nancy Weatherford, widow of Colonel William Weatherford, of the first regiment of Illinois volunteers in the Mexican war," with the pending amendments thereto, and the House proceeded to the consideration of the same.

The question was then put, Will the House agree to the said amendments?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendments.

Mr. Hendricks, the rules having been suspended for that purpose, introduced a bill (H. R. 855) to continue the pension of Frances E. Baden; which was read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

S. 6. An act to confirm the canal selections in the State of Ohio;

S. 683. An act to prevent mis-trials in the district and circuit courts of the United States in certain cases;

S. 679. An act to establish the collection districts of Cape Perpetua and Port Orford, in the Territory of Oregon, and to fix the salaries of the officers of the customs therein;

S. 543. An act to settle certain accounts between the United States and the State of Alabama;

S. 534. An act to amend an act to establish a land district in the State of Florida, to be called the district of Tampa;

S. 456. An act for the relief of Charles W. Carroll;

S. 352. An act extending in certain cases the provisions of the act entitled "An act to extend pre-emption rights to certain land therein mentioned," Approved March 3, 1853;

S. 285. An act for the relief of the heirs of Brigadier General Richard B. Mason;

S. Res. 39. A resolution in relation to the New Orleans custom-house;

H. R. 762. An act for the relief of Daniel Searle and Company, for extra service rendered the Post Office Department of the United States;

H. R. 595. An act making appropriations for the transportation of the United States mail, by ocean steamers and otherwise, during the fiscal years ending the 30th of June, 1855, and the 30th of June, 1856;

H. R. 688. An act to amend the act approved 26th August, 1852, entitled "An act to reduce and define the boundaries of the military reserve at St. Peter's river, in the Territory of Minnesota, and for other purposes;"

H. R. 563. An act to provide a more efficient discipline for the navy;

H. R. 9. An act for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands; and

H. R. 570. An act for the relief of John R. Bowes, agent in charge of the property of the United States at Michigan City, in the State of Indiana, and of Isaac S. Smith, of the city of Buffalo, New York.

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

On motion of Mr. Sage, the bill of the House (No. 517) entitled "An act authorizing the corporate authorities of Georgetown to impose additional taxes, and for other purposes," with the amendments of the Senate thereto, was taken up, and the said amendments agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed, without amendment, bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 777. A bill for the relief of Charles H. Pointer.

H. R. 700. A bill for the relief of the children and grandchildren of Thomas Morris.

H. R. 696. An act for the benefit of the heirs of Philip R. Rice, deceased.

H. R. 622. An act for the relief of Sarah Morris, only heir of Robert Mitchell, deceased.

H. R. 611. An act for the relief of William G. Preston.

H. R. 356. An act for the relief of William G. Howison.

H. R. 384. An act for the relief of Anna E. Cook.

The Senate have also passed a bill of this House of the following title, viz:

H. R. 408. An act for the relief of Thomas Underhill, executor of Thomas Underhill, deceased—
with an amendment, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have indefinitely postponed a bill of this House of the following title, viz:

H. R. 366. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Henry Hoffman.

The Senate have passed a resolution suspending the 16th joint rule of the two houses, so far as relates to the bill of the Senate (No. 634) entitled "An act supplemental to an act entitled 'An act to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California,' approved March 3, 1851."

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did, on the 28th instant, approve and sign a bill of the following title, viz:

S. 96. An act to provide for the payment of such creditors of the late republic of Texas as are comprehended in the act of Congress of September 9, 1850.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Phelps submitted the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the army appropriation bill (H. R. 562) with the amendments of the Senate thereto, shall cease in two hours after its consideration is resumed, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House with such amendments as may have been agreed to.

Pending which,

Mr. McDougall moved to amend the same, by striking out "two hours," and inserting "*thirty minutes*" in lieu thereof.

Pending which,

Mr. John L. Taylor moved to amend the said amendment, by striking out "*thirty minutes*," and inserting "*five minutes*" in lieu thereof; which motion was agreed to.

The said amendment, as amended, was then agreed to.

The question was then put, Will the House agree to the said resolution as amended?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

So it was resolved that all debate shall cease in five minutes, &c.

Mr. Faulkner moved that the vote by which the said resolution was agreed to be reconsidered; which motion was disagreed to.

On motion of Mr. Phelps, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hendricks reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 562) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending June 30, 1856, had directed him to report the same, recommending agreement to some, disagreement to others, and agreement with amendment to others of the said amendments.

The Speaker having stated the question to be on agreeing to the said amendments of the Senate,

Mr. Phelps moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered to be put; when,

Mr. Rowe moved, at 10 o'clock and 33 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

Under the operation of the previous question, the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th amendments were severally agreed to, and the 6th amendment disagreed to; the 5th and 12th amendments were amended, and, as amended, agreed to.

Pending the question on the remaining amendments,

On motion of Mr. Fuller, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the 16th joint rule of the two houses be suspended for the present session.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Breckinridge, by unanimous consent, introduced a joint resolution (H. Res. 62) for the relief of Clark Mills; which was read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Goode, at 10 o'clock and 50 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock a. m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1855.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 242. An act authorizing the purchase or construction of four additional revenue cutters.

H. R. 362. An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Joseph Savage, deceased.

S. 683. An act to prevent mis-trials in the district and circuit courts of the United States in certain cases.

S. 679. An act to establish the collection districts of Cape Perpetua and Port Orford, in the Territory of Oregon, and to fix the salaries of the officers of the customs therein.

S. 543. An act to settle certain accounts between the United States and the State of Alabama.

S. 531. An act to amend an act to establish a land district in the State of Florida, to be called the district of Tampa.

S. 456. An act for the relief of Charles W. Carroll.

S. 352. An act extending in certain cases the provisions of the act entitled "An act to extend pre-emption rights to certain land therein mentioned," approved March 3, 1853.

S. 285. An act for the relief of the heirs of Brigadier General Richard B. Mason.

S. Res. 39. A resolution in relation to the New Orleans custom-house.

S. 6. An act to confirm the canal selections in the State of Ohio.

S. 589. An act to establish a circuit court of the United States in and for the State of California.

H. R. 762. An act for the relief of Daniel Searle and Company, for extra service rendered the Post Office Department of the United States.

H. R. 595. An act making appropriations for the transportation of the United States mail by ocean steamers and otherwise during the fiscal years ending the 30th of June, 1855, and the 30th of June, 1856.

H. R. 570. An act for the relief of John R. Bowes, agent in charge of the property of the United States at Michigan City, in the State of Indiana, and of Isaac S. Smith, of the city of Buffalo, New York.

H. R. 9. An act for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands.

H. R. 688. An act to amend the act approved 20th August, 1852, entitled "An act to reduce and define the boundaries of the military reserve at St. Peter's river, in the Territory of Minnesota, and for other purposes."

H. R. 563. An act to provide a more efficient discipline for the navy.

H. R. 736. An act changing the times of holding the United States courts in Tennessee.

Mr. Olds, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill (H. R. 856) to establish certain Post Roads; which was read a first and second time.

Pending the question on its engrossment,

Mr. McDougall moved to amend the same by adding thereto the following, viz:

"Sec. —. And be it further enacted, That the Postmaster General be,

and he is hereby, authorized and directed, after the usual advertisement, to contract with the best bidder in point of time and amount of compensation, for a daily express mail service from the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, through the Territories of the United States, to San Francisco, in the State of California, for the term of four years from and after the time of the commencement of the service, which shall not be more than one year after the proposals are made and accepted: Provided, Parties will propose and contract to transport such express mail between the points named within twenty days during the first year of service, within eighteen days during the second year of service, and within sixteen days thereafter, and for the sum of not more than five hundred thousand dollars per annum; and in the event of failure to make any one trip within the time named as aforesaid, an amount shall be deducted from the gross sum payable to said contractors equal to the proportion thereof payable for one trip. And it is hereby further provided, that the surplus of expenses over and above the amount received for postages by express, as herein provided, shall be a charge upon the treasury of the United States.

"Sec. —. And be it further enacted, That no letter or package shall be sent or carried by said express mail, without the same shall be marked by the postmaster in whose office the same is deposited, with the words 'Overland express mail,' and the signature of the postmaster shall be thereto annexed; and no letter or package shall be sent or carried by said express mail without prepayment therefor at the office where the same is mailed, as follows: For every letter or package of one-half ounce or under, twenty-five cents; of more than one-half ounce, and not more than one ounce, fifty cents; and for each additional half-ounce, twenty-five cents; and no one package of more than eight ounces shall be sent or carried by said express mail. And it is hereby further provided, that the parties accepting or entering into such contract shall not be required to receive additional mail matter at more than four points between the termini aforesaid, to be designated by the Postmaster General; and the points so designated shall be on the route selected by the contractors, which route is hereby declared and constituted a mail-route as soon as so selected; and the said contractors shall not be required to wait at any of the said intermediate points for more than one hour for such way mail; and for all way matter the same amount shall be charged as if mailed for the entire route.

"Sec. —. And be it further enacted, That the parties contracting as aforesaid shall have the right to open a road upon such route as they may select, and to use the same, and to construct bridges, sink wells, and do such other acts as may be necessary to render such road a good common road; and the said parties so contracting are authorized to expend, in the construction of necessary bridges, and in the sinking of wells along the route so selected by them, a sum of money, for and on account of the United States, not to exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, for which such parties shall take and preserve evidence and vouchers satisfactory to the Postmaster General; and the said parties shall have the right to enter upon, use, and occupy any unoccupied lands of the United States along the said line, through the Territories of the United States, which may be required by them for stations or other purposes necessary to the maintenance and use of the said road as a post road."

The same having been read,

After debate,

Mr. McDougall moved the previous question; which was seconded,

and the main question ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the said amendment?

And it was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 49
Nays..... 78

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.

John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
J. Wiley Edmands
Emerson Etheridge
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas B. Florence
Frederick W. Green
Andrew J. Harlan
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Charles Hughes
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane

Mr. Milton S. Latham

James A. McDougall
John McNair
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Augustus E. Maxwell
Smith Miller
Edson B. Olds
Samuel W. Parker
Alex. C. M. Pennington
John S. Phelps
James T. Pratt
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle

Mr. Peter Rowe

Samuel L. Russell
James L. Seward
Samuel A. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Hester L. Stevens
Andrew Stuart
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
Ellihu B. Washburne
John Wentworth
Theodoric R. Westbrook
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken

James C. Allen
William Appleton
David J. Bailey
William Barksdale
Henry Bennett
Thomas S. Bocock
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Leander M. Cox
Burton Craige
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
James F. Dowdell
Augustus Drum
William Dunbar
Norman Eddy

Mr. Charles J. Faulkner

Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas J. D. Fuller
Joshua R. Giddings
William O. Goode
Alfred B. Greenwood
William T. Hamilton
Aarou Harlan
Sampson W. Harris
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
George S. Houston
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
Roland Jones
John Kerr
James Knox
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
Henry May
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
William Murray
Andrew Oliver

Mr. James L. Orr

Bishop Perkins
Philip Phillips
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle
Charles Ready
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Otho R. Singleton
Charles Skelton
George W. Smyth
Richard H. Stanton
Nathan T. Stratton
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
Michael C. Trout
Joshua Vansant
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
William H. Witte.

So the said amendment was disagreed to.

Mr. Cobb moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled, bills of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 700. An act for the relief of the children and grandchildren of Thomas Morris;

H. R. 517. An act authorizing the corporate authorities of Georgetown to impose additional taxes, and for other purposes;

H. R. 611. An act for the relief of William G. Preston;

H. R. 622. An act for the relief of Sarah Morris, only heir of Robert Mitchell, deceased;

H. R. 696. An act for the benefit of the heirs of Philip R. Rice, deceased;

H. R. 777. An act for the relief of Charles H. Pointer;

H. R. 384. An act for the relief of Anna E. Cook;

H. R. 356. An act for the relief of William G. Howison;

S. 560. An act to amend an act to carry into effect a treaty between the United States and Great Britain, signed on the 5th of June, 1854, and approved August 5, 1854;

S. 677. An act for the relief of Mrs. J. Josephine McClellan;

S. 395. An act for the relief of Peter Amey, (colored man);

S. 552. An act for the relief of George W. Torrence;

S. 521. An act for the relief of Pamela Slavin, late the wife of John Blue;

S. 430. An act for the relief of Henry S. Sanford;

S. 192. An act for the relief of Amos Knapp;

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

Subsequently,

Mr. Green, from the same committee, reported that the committee did this day present the said bills to the President of the United States.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House suspending, for the present Congress, the 16th joint rule of the two houses.

The Senate have passed a bill of the following title, viz :

S. 684. An act supplemental to an act entitled "An act to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California," approved March 3, 1851;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sydney Webster, his private secretary, notifying the House that he did this day approve and sign bills of this House of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 736. An act changing the times of holding the United States courts in Tennessee.

H. R. 242. An act authorizing the purchase or construction of four additional revenue cutters.

H. R. 362. An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Joseph Savage, deceased.

H. R. 563. An act to provide a more efficient discipline for the navy.

H. R. 688. An act to amend the act approved 26th August, 1852,

entitled "An act to reduce and define the boundaries of the military reserve at Saint Peter's river, in the Territory of Minnesota, and for other purposes."

H. R. 762. An act for the relief of Daniel Searle & Company, for extra service rendered the Post Office Department of the United States.

H. R. 570. An act for the relief of John R. Bowes, agent in charge of the property of the United States at Michigan City, in the State of Indiana, and of Isaac S. Smith, of the city of Buffalo, New York.

Two messages in writing were also received from the President of the United States, which were handed in at the Speaker's table.

The House then resumed the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 562) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending June 30, 1856, the pending question being on the remaining amendments of the Senate thereto.

The 13th amendment having been read, as follows, viz: Add at the end of the 1st section:

"Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the board of officers appointed under the sixth section of the act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, approved August thirty-first, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, is hereby authorized and directed, in addition to the powers and duties already conferred upon it, to extend its examinations to claims arising from the destruction of property by the troops serving under the command of Lieutenant Colonel John C. Fremont, in California, in the years eighteen hundred and forty-six and eighteen hundred and forty-seven, by his orders, as well as for the destruction of property by the enemy, caused by the occupancy of the claimants' premises by the said United States troops; that the said board is empowered to summon and examine witnesses under oath, and take testimony in California (if necessary) and elsewhere; that for the payment of the claims reported favorably upon by the board in its report to the Secretary of War, dated fifth December, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, executive document eight, thirty-third Congress, second session, including that numbered one hundred and ninety-seven, being the claim of Santiago E. Arguillo, and amounting to eleven thousand five hundred and eighty-four dollars, and for the compensation of the members of said board, for and during their period of service as such, at a rate not exceeding three thousand dollars per annum each, deducting therefrom their army pay, the sum of forty thousand five hundred and forty-eight dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the treasurer of said board, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ten thousand dollars for the contingent expenses of the said board, including therein office-rent and clerk's hire, stationery, fuel, the payment of the witnesses' fees duly summoned by the board, at a rate not exceeding those paid by the United States district courts in California or elsewhere, as the case may be, the travelling expenses of said board, not exceeding sixteen cents per mile to each member, and other incidental expenses;"

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 63
Nays..... 100

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William S. Ashe
William Barksdale
Peter H. Bell
Thomas S. Boccock
John C. Breckinridge
Francis M. Bristaw
Samuel Caruthers
Samuel Clark
John P. Cook
Carlton B. Curtis
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
James F. Dowdell
Augustus Drum
William Dunbar
J. Wiley Edmands
Henry A. Edmundson
John M. Elliott
William H. English
Thomas B. Florence

Mr. Thomas J. D. Fuller
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
John Scott Harrison
George Hastings
Roland Jones
Alfred W. Lamb
Milton S. Latham
James J. Lindley
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
John McNair
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
Augustus E. Maxwell
Mordecai Oliver
William Preston
David A. Reese
George Read Riddle
Ston H. Rogers
Russell Sage

Mr. James L. Seward
Jacob Shower
William Smith
William R. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Christian M. Straub
David Stuart
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Michael C. Trout
William M. Twoed
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
Ellihu B. Washburne
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Theodorice R. Westbrook
William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
David J. Bailey
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Nathan Belcher
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas H. Benton
William W. Boyce
Samuel A. Bridges
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
John S. Caskie
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
George W. Chase
James S. Chriaman
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Burton Craigie
Samuel L. Crocker
Francis B. Cutting
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
Cyrus L. Dunham
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas T. Flagler

Mr. Joshua R. Giddings
William O. Goode
Ben Edwards Grey
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Andrew J. Harlan
Sampson W. Harris
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
George S. Houston
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Daniel Mace
James Maurice
Henry May
Ner Middlewarth
Smith Miller
Edwin B. Morgan
William Murray
Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver

Mr. James L. Orr
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Bishop Perkins
John S. Phelps
James T. Pratt
Benjamin Pringle
Charles Ready
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
Origen S. Seymour
Henry M. Shaw
George A. Simmons
Charles Skelton
George W. Smyth
Richard H. Stanton
Nathan T. Stratton
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
Edward Wade
Samuel H. Walley
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the 13th amendment was disagreed to.

The 14th amendment was then read and disagreed to.

The 15th amendment having been read as follows: add at the end of the 3d section:

"Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the War Department in the purchase and importation of camels and dromedaries to be employed for military purposes."

The question was put, Will the House agree thereto?

And it was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 66
Nays..... 90

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Appleton
William Barksdale
Peter H. Bell
Thomas H. Benton
John C. Breckenridge
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
Carlton B. Curtis
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
Alexander De Witt
Augustus Drum
Cyrus L. Dunham
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmonds
Henry A. Edmundson
E. Wilder Farley
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas B. Florence

Mr. James Gamble
Alfred B. Greenwood
Sampson W. Harris
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hibbard
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Theodore G. Hunt
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
Milton S. Latham
Samuel Lilly
James J. Lindley
Caleb Lyon
James A. McDougall
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Henry May

Mr. Samuel W. Parker
Alex. C. M. Pennington
George Read Riddle
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Otho R. Singleton
Charles Skelton
Frederick P. Stanton
David Stuart
John J. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
Daniel Wells, jr.
Theodoric R. Westbrook
William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
David J. Bailey
Edward Ball
Nathan Belcher
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
Preston S. Brooks
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
George W. Chase
James S. Chrisman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Leander M. Cox
Burton Craigie
William Cullom
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
Edward Dickinson
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Thomas D. Elliot
John M. Elliott
Emerson Etheridge
Thomas T. Flagler

Mr. Thomas J. D. Fuller
Joshua R. Giddings
William O. Goode
Ben Edwards Grey
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Andrew J. Harlan
John Scott Harrison
Bernhart Henn
Isaac E. Hiester
Charles Hughes
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
James Knox
James H. Lane
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Fayette McMullen
John McNair
Daniel Mace
Ner Middleswarth
Smith Miller
Edwin B. Morgan
William Murray
Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver
Rufus W. Peckham
Bishop Perkins

Mr. John S. Phelps
James T. Pratt
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Samuel L. Russell
William R. Sapp
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
William Smith
George W. Smyth
Richard H. Stanton
Hester L. Stevens
Nathan T. Stratton
John L. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
Michael C. Trout
Samuel H. Walley
Mike Walsh
Elihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler
Hendrick B. Wright.

So the 15th amendment was disagreed to.

The amendment to the 19th amendment having been agreed to, the said amendment as amended was then agreed to.

The 16th and 18th amendments were severally read and agreed to.

The 17th and 20th amendments having been read, were severally disagreed to.

The 21st amendment was then read as follows, viz: insert:

"Sec. 10. And be it further enacted, That there shall be added to the army two regiments of infantry and two regiments of cavalry, organized as in the existing force; and that the officers and men authorized by this act shall be entitled to the same provisions for wounds and disabilities, and the same provisions for widows and children, and the same allowances and benefits, in every respect, as are allowed to other troops composing the army of the United States; they shall be subject to the rules and articles of war, and the men shall be recruited in the same manner as other troops, and with the same conditions and limitations."

And also the following amendment to the amendment, viz: insert after the words "existing force:"

"And that there shall be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, one brigadier general."

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said amendment to the amendment?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas 102
Nays 70

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
William Barksdale
Nathan Belcher
Peter H. Bell
Samuel P. Benson
John C. Breckinridge
Francis M. Bristow
Preston S. Brooks
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
John S. Caskie
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
William Cullom
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
Augustus Drum
William Dunbar
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmonds
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Eliot

Mr. John M. Elliott
Emerson Etheridge
E. Wilder Farley
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas B. Florence
William O. Goode
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Andrew J. Harlan
John Scott Harrison
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Harvey H. Johnson
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
Samuel Lilly
James J. Lindley
James A. McDougall
John McNair
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
Augustus E. Maxwell
Smith Miller
Edson B. Olds

Mr. Mordecai Oliver
John Perkins, jr.
Philip Phillips
William Preston
Richard C. Puryear
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
Sion H. Rogers
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
James L. Seward
Wilson Shannon
Jacob Shower
George W. Smyth
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Christian M. Straub
David Stuart
John J. Taylor
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vaneant
Samuel H. Walley
Elihu B. Washburne
Tappan Wentworth
Theodorick R. Westbrook
Daniel B. Wright
Felix K. Zollicoffer

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Edward Ball	Mr. Thomas A. Hendricks	Mr. Alex. C. M. Pennington
Henry Bennett	George S. Houston	Bishop Perkins
Thomas H. Benton	Daniel T. Jones	Paulus Powell
Thomas S. Bocock	George W. Jones	James T. Pratt
William W. Boyce	John Letcher	Benjamin Pringle
Lewis D. Campbell	Charles S. Lewis	Charles Ready
Moses B. Corwin	William D. Lindale	David A. Reese
Samuel L. Crocker	John McCulloch	David Ritchie
John G. Davis	Moses Macdonald	John Robbins, jr.
James F. Dowdell	Fayette McMullen	Peter Rowe
Cyrus L. Dunham	Daniel Mace	William R. Sapp
Ben C. Eastman	James Maurice	Henry M. Shaw
William H. English	Henry May	Otho R. Singleton
William Everhart	Ner Middleswarth	Charles Skelton
Thomas T. Flagler	John S. Millson	William R. Smith
Thomas J. D. Fuller	Edwin B. Morgan	Hector L. Stevens
Joshua R. Giddings	William Murray	Nathan T. Stratton
Henry C. Goodwin	Matthias H. Nichols	Edward Wade
Ben Edwards Grey	Andrew Oliver	Mike Walsh
William T. Hamilton	Asa Packer	Daniel Wells, jr.
Aaron Harlan	Samuel W. Parker	John Wheeler
Sampson W. Harris	Jared V. Peck	William H. Witte
Wiley P. Harris	Rufus W. Peckham	Hendrick B. Wright.
George Hastings		

So the said amendment to the 21st amendment of the Senate was agreed to.

The question was then put, Will the House agree to the said amendment as amended?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas 120
Nays 61

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie	Mr. Cyrus L. Dunham	Mr. James H. Lane
William Aiken	Norman Eddy	Milton S. Latham
James C. Allen	Alfred P. Edgerton	Samuel Lilly
Willis Allen	J. Wiley Edmonds	James J. Lindley
William Appleton	Henry A. Edmundson	James A. McDougall
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.	Thomas D. Eliot	John McNair
William Barksdale	John M. Elliott	Orsamus B. Matteson
Nathan Belcher	E. Wilder Farley	Augustus E. Maxwell
Peter H. Bell	Charles J. Faulkner	Smith Miller
Thomas S. Bocock	Thomas B. Florence	John S. Millson
John C. Breckinridge	James Gamble	David A. Noble
Samuel A. Bridges	William O. Goode	Edson B. Olds
Francis M. Bristow	Frederick W. Green	Mordecai Oliver
Samuel Caruthers	Alfred B. Greenwood	James L. Orr
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain	Ben Edwards Grey	Asa Packer
Joseph R. Chandler	Wiley P. Harris	Rufus W. Peckham
James S. Chrisman	John Scott Harrison	Alex. C. M. Pennington
Samuel Clark	George Hastings	Bishop Perkins
Thomas L. Clingman	Bernhart Henn	John Perkins, jr.
John P. Cook	Harry Hibbard	Philip Phillips
Samuel L. Crocker	Isaac E. Hiester	William Preston
Thomas W. Cumming	Thomas M. Howe	Charles Ready
Carlton B. Curtis	Charles Hughes	William A. Richardson
Francis B. Cutting	Theodore G. Hunt	George Read Riddle
Edward Dickinson	Roland Jones	David Ritchie
James F. Dowdell	Lawrence M. Keitt	Thomas Ritchey
Augustus Drum	John Kerr	Sion H. Rogers
William Dunbar	William H. Kurtz	Peter Rowe

Mr. Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 Origen S. Seymour
 Wilson Shaanon
 Jacob Shower
 Otho R. Singleton
 William Smith
 William R. Smith
 George W. Smyth
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Richard H. Stanton

Mr. Hester L. Stevens
 Christian M. Straub
 David Stuart
 John J. Taylor
 John L. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Andrew Tracy
 Michael C. Trout
 William M. Tweed
 Charles W. Upham

Mr. Joshua Vansant
 Hiram Walbridge
 William A. Walker
 Samuel H. Walley
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 Tappan Wentworth
 Theodorio R. Westbrook
 William H. Witte
 Daniel B. Wright
 Hendrick B. Wright
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Edward Ball
 Henry Bennett
 Samuel P. Benson
 Thomas H. Benton
 William W. Boyce
 Lewis D. Campbell
 Davis Carpenter
 George W. Chase
 Williamson R. W. Cobb
 Moses B. Corwin
 Leander M. Cox
 William Cullom
 John G. Davis
 Thomas Davis
 John L. Dawson
 David T. Disney
 Ben C. Eastman
 William H. English
 Emerson Etheridge
 William Everhart
 Thomas T. Flagler

Mr. Thomas J. D. Fuller,*
 Joshua R. Giddings
 William T. Hamilton
 Aaron Harlan
 Andrew J. Harlan
 Sampson W. Harris
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Clement S. Hill
 George S. Houston
 Daniel T. Jones
 George W. Jones
 James Knox
 John Letcher
 Charles S. Lewis
 William D. Lindaley
 John McCulloch
 Moses Macdonald
 Daniel Mace
 John B. Macy
 James Maurice

Mr. Samuel Mayall
 Ner Middleswarth
 Edwin B. Morgan
 William Murray
 Matthias H. Nichols
 Andrew Oliver
 Samuel W. Parker
 Jared V. Peck
 James T. Pratt
 Benjamin Pringle
 Richard C. Puryear
 David A. Reese
 John Robbins, jr.
 William R. Sapp
 Henry M. Shaw
 Charles Skelton
 Nathan T. Stratton
 Edward Wade
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 John Wheeler

So the 21st amendment as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne moved that the vote by which the said amendment was agreed to be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

The 22d amendment, and also the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill, were severally read and agreed to.

The said amendment to the title is as follows, viz: Add at the end thereof the words, "*and for other purposes.*"

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate with the action of the House upon their said amendments.

Mr. Orr, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of House (No. 555) entitled "An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1856, and other purposes," submitted the following report, viz:

"That the Senate recede from their 48th and 52d amendments, disagreed to by the House;

"That the House agree to the following, as a substitute for the 50th amendment of the Senate:

"*SEC. —. And be it further enacted*, That the sum of twelve thousand

dollars is hereby appropriated to enable the Secretary of War to execute the contract entered into by Joel R. Poinsett, late Secretary of War, on the 12th day of March, 1839, with Jean B. Faribault, and Pelagie, his wife, pursuant to a joint resolution of Congress, approved the 13th February, 1839, provided that the Secretary of War shall be satisfied with the validity of their title to the lands mentioned in said contract, and that the conveyance to the United States be made sufficient to pass the said title.'

"That the House agree to the 51st amendment of the Senate, with an amendment, as follows:

"In line two, after the word 'agents,' strike out the words 'and sub-agents.'

"In line three, after the word 'deeds,' strike out the word 'wills.'

"In line four, after word 'writing,' insert, 'and to administer oaths in investigations committed to them in the Indian country, pursuant to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed for that purpose by the Secretary of the Interior.'

"JAMES SHIELDS,

"J. A. PEARCE,

"Managers on the part of the Senate."

"S. G. HAVEN,

"JAMES L. ORR,

"JOHN G. DAVIS,

"Managers on the part of the House of Representatives."

The said report having been read,

The question was put, Will the House agree thereto?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Orr moved that the vote by which the said report was agreed to be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the House (No. 555) entitled "An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1856, and for other purposes."

The Senate have agreed to the amendments of this House to the bills of the Senate numbered 603 and 511.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Fenton, the rules having been suspended for that purpose, the bill of the Senate (No. 591) entitled "An act to remit or refund duties upon goods, wares, and merchandise destroyed by fire," was taken from the Speaker's table and read a first and second time.

The said bill containing an appropriation,

Mr. Fenton moved that the rule requiring that it should be first discussed in the Committee of the Whole be suspended.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 105
 { Nays..... 55

Two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
 William Appleton
 Edward Bill
 Nathan Belcher
 Peter H. Bell
 Henry Bennett
 Samuel P. Benson
 Thomas H. Benton
 John C. Breckinridge
 Francis M. Bristow
 Robert M. Bugg
 Lewis D. Campbell
 Davis Carpenter
 Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
 Samuel Clark
 John P. Cook
 Moses B. Corwin
 Samuel L. Crocker
 William Cullom
 Thomas W. Cumming
 Carlton B. Curtis
 Francis B. Cutting
 Thomas Davis
 Edward Dickinson
 David T. Disney
 Augustus Drum
 Ben C. Eastman
 J. Wiley Edmands
 Thomas D. Eliot
 John M. Elliott
 Emerson Eckeridge
 E. Wilder Farley
 Reuben E. Fenton
 Thomas T. Flagler
 Thomas B. Florence

Mr. Thomas J. D. Fuller
 Joshua R. Giddings
 Henry C. Goodwin
 Frederick W. Green
 Ben Edwards Grey
 Andrew J. Harlan
 John Scott Harrison
 George Hastings
 Isaac E. Hiester
 Clement S. Hill
 Thomas M. Howe
 Charles Hughes
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Harvey H. Johnson
 Lawrence M. Keitt
 John Kerr
 James Knox
 James H. Lane
 Milton S. Latham
 Caleb Lyon
 James A. McDougall
 John McNair
 Daniel Mace
 John B. Macy
 Orsamus B. Matteson
 James Maurice
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 Henry May
 Samuel Mayall
 James Meacham
 Ner Middleswarth
 Edwin B. Morgan
 Andrew Oliver
 Jared V. Peck
 Rufus W. Peckham

Mr. Alex. C. M. Pennington
 William Preston
 Benjamin Pringle
 Richard C. Puryear
 David A. Reese
 Peter Rowe
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 William R. Sapp
 James L. Seward
 Jacob Shower
 George A. Simmons
 Augustus R. Sollers
 Hester L. Stevens
 David Stuart
 John J. Taylor
 John L. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Andrew Tracy
 Michael C. Trout
 William M. Tweed
 Charles W. Upham
 Hiram Walbridge
 William A. Walker
 Samuel H. Walley
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 John Wentworth
 Tappan Wentworth
 Theodor R. Westbrook
 John Wheeler
 Daniel B. Wright
 Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. David J. Bailey
 William Barkedale
 Samuel A. Bridges
 Preston S. Brooks
 John S. Caskie
 James S. Chrisman
 Burton Craig
 John G. Davis
 John L. Dawson
 James F. Dowdell
 William Dunbar
 Cyrus L. Dunham
 Norman Eddy
 James Gamble
 William O. Goode
 William T. Hamilton
 Aaron Harlan
 Sampson W. Harris
 Bernhart Henn

Mr. Harry Hibbard
 George S. Houston
 George W. Jones
 Roland Jones
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 William H. Kurtz
 John Letcher
 Charles S. Lewis
 Samuel Lilly
 James J. Lindley
 William D. Lindaley
 John McCulloch
 Moses Macdonald
 Fayette McMullen
 Smith Miller
 John S. Millson
 Matthias H. Nichols
 David A. Noble

Mr. Edson B. Olds
 Samuel W. Parker
 John S. Phelps
 Charles Ready
 William A. Richardson
 Thomas Ritchey
 Thomas Ruffin
 Wilson Shannon
 Henry M. Shaw
 Otho R. Singleton
 Charles Skelton
 Samuel A. Smith
 William R. Smith
 Nathan T. Stratton
 Christian M. Straub
 Andrew Stuart
 Joshua Vansant
 Mike Walsh.

So the House refused to suspend the said rule.

Mr. Houston moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 81
Nays..... 74

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willie Allen
William Appleton
David J. Bailey
William Barksdale
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas H. Benton
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Francis M. Bristow
Preston S. Brooks
John S. Caskie
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Carlton B. Curtis
John L. Dawson
James F. Dowdell
Augustus Drum
Cyrus L. Dunham
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
Henry A. Edmundson
John M. Elliott

Mr. Andrew Ellison
Emerson Etheridge
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
William O. Goode
Alfred B. Greenwood
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Sampson W. Harris
Wiley P. Harris
Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Charles Hughes
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
Zedekiah Kidwell
William H. Kurtz
Charles S. Lewis
William D. Lindeley
Moses Macdonald
Fayette McMullen
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
John S. Millson

Mr. William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
Bishop Perkins
John S. Phelps
Richard C. Puryear
John Robbins, jr.
Thomas Ruffin
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
Charles Skelton
Samuel A. Smith
William Smith
William R. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
Michael C. Trout
John Wentworth
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William S. Ashe
Henry Bennett
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Joseph R. Chandler
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
Ben C. Eastman
Thomas D. Eliot
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas T. Flagler
John R. Franklin
Joshua R. Giddings
Ben Edwards Grey
Andrew J. Harlan
John Scott Harrison

Mr. Bernhart Henn
Isaac E. Hiester
Thomas M. Howe
Theodore G. Hunt
Lawrence M. Keitt
Samuel Lilly
James J. Lindley
John McCulloch
James A. McDougall
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
James Meacham
Edwin B. Morgan
David A. Noble
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver
Jared V. Peck
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Philip Phillips
William Preston
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
William A. Richardson

Mr. Sion H. Rogers
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
George A. Simmons
Nathan T. Stratton
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Andrew Tracy
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
Samuel H. Walley
Mike Walsh
Elihu B. Washburne
Tappan Wentworth
Theodoric R. Westbrook
John Wheeler
William H. Witte.

So the motion was agreed to.

And the House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Orr reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 561) making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856; and the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 594) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1856,—had directed him to report the former, recommending agreement to some, and disagreement to others of the said amendments; and that the committee had come to no resolution on the latter.

The House having proceeded to the consideration of the said amendments to the bill of the House No. 561, (Military Academy,)

Mr. Phelps moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the 1st, 3d, 5th, 6th, and 8th amendments of the Senate were severally agreed to, and the 2d, 4th, and 7th amendments severally disagreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickens, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 562) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856; have insisted upon their amendments disagreed to by the House, ask a conference with this House on the said disagreeing votes, and have appointed Mr. Shields, Mr. Toombs, and Mr. Weller the managers at the said conference on their part.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did this day approve and sign bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

S. 589. An act to establish a circuit court of the United States in and for the State of California.

S. 683. An act to prevent mis-trials in the district and circuit courts of the United States in certain cases.

S. 679. An act to establish the collection districts of Cape Perpetua and Port Orford, in the Territory of Oregon, and to fix the salaries of the officers of the customs therein.

S. 543. An act to settle certain accounts between the United States and the State of Alabama.

S. 534. An act to amend an act to establish a land district in the State of Florida, to be called the district of Tampa.

S. 456. An act for the relief of Charles W. Carroll.

S. 352. An act extending in certain cases the provisions of the act entitled "An act to extend pre-emption rights to certain land therein mentioned," approved March 3, 1853.

S. 285. An act for the relief of the heirs of Brigadier General Richard B. Mason.

S. Res. 39. A resolution in relation to the New Orleans custom-house.

S. 6. An act to confirm the canal selections in the State of Ohio.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Phelps, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the House insist upon their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate insisted upon by the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 562) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending June 30, 1856, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate thereon.

The Speaker thereupon appointed Mr. Phelps, Mr. Faulkner, and Mr. John L. Taylor the managers at the said conference on the part of the House.

Mr. Houston submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 594) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department, during the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1856, shall cease in five minutes after their consideration is resumed, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then report them to the House with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Houston, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Orr reported that the Committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 594) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1856, had directed him to report the same, recommending concurrence in some, disagreement to others, and agreement with amendment to others of the said amendments.

The House having proceeded to the consideration of the said amendments,

Mr. Houston moved the 'previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the 1st, 2d, 5th, 8th, 9th, 12th, and 13th amendments were severally agreed to; the 7th amendment was disagreed to; and the 3d, 4th, 6th, and 10th amendments were severally amended, and, as amended, agreed to. ●

The amendment to the 11th amendment was agreed to.

The said amendment as amended was then read as follows, viz:

Insert at the end of the bill—

"Sec. —. And be it further enacted, That the Postmaster General be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay to Cranstoun Laurie a reasonable extra compensation for performing the duties of two desks in the Post Office Department, not to exceed half-pay of a clerk for the time he was so employed."

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 71
Nays 74

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. Willis Allen	Mr. Emerson Etheridge	Mr. John Perkins, jr.
William Appleton	William Everhart	David A. Reese
Nathan Belcher	E. Wilder Farley	Thomas Ruffin
Peter H. Bell	Thomas T. Flagler	Alvah Sabin
Henry Bennett	Thomas B. Florence	William R. Sapp
Samuel P. Benson	John R. Franklin	James L. Seward
Thomas H. Benton	Joshua R. Giddings	George A. Simmons
Robert M. Bugg	Henry C. Goodwin	Frederick P. Stanton
Lewis D. Campbell	Frederick W. Green	Richard H. Stanton
Samuel Caruthers	Aaron Harlan	Andrew Stuart
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain	Andrew J. Harlan	Andrew Tracy
Joseph B. Chandler	John Scott Harrison	Charles W. Upham
James S. Chrisman	Isaac E. Hiester	Edward Wade
John P. Cook	Clement S. Hill	William A. Walker
Moses B. Corwin	Thomas M. Howe	Samuel H. Walley
William Cullom	Charles Hughes	Ellihu B. Washburne
Francis B. Cutting	John Kerr	Israel Washburn, jr.
Thomas Davis	Alfred W. Lamb	Daniel Wells, jr.
Alexander De Witt	John McCulloch	John Wentworth
Edward Dickinson	Orsamus B. Matteson	Tappan Wentworth
Ben C. Eastman	Samuel Mayall	Theodoric R. Westbrook
J. Wiley Edmunds	Ner Middlewarth	John Wheeler
Thomas D. Eliot	Edwin B. Morgan	Richard Yates.
John M. Elliott	Jesse O. Norton	

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen	Mr. Sampson W. Harris	Mr. Bishop Perkins
William S. Ashe	Wiley P. Harris	Paulus Powell
David J. Bailey	George Hastings	James T. Pratt
William Barksdale	Thomas A. Hendricks	Benjamin Pringle
Thomas S. Bocock	George S. Houston	Charles Ready
William W. Boyce	Harvey H. Johnson	Thomas Ritchey
John C. Breckinridge	George W. Jones	John Robbins, jr.
Samuel A. Bridges	Zedekiah Kidwell	Peter Rowe
Preston S. Brooks	William H. Kurtz	Russell Sage
John S. Caskie	James H. Lane	Origen S. Seymour
Thomas L. Clingman	Milton S. Latham	Jacob Shower
Williamson R. W. Cobb	Samuel Lilly	Charles Skelton
Leander M. Cox	William D. Lindsay	Samuel A. Smith
Burton Craige	James Maurice	William Smith
John G. Davis	Henry May	Hector L. Stevens
John L. Dawson	Smith Miller	Nathan T. Stratton
Augustus Drum	John S. Millson	Christian M. Straub
Alfred P. Edgerton	William Murray	John J. Taylor
Henry A. Edmundson	Edson B. Olds	Michael C. Trout
Andrew Ellison	Andrew Oliver	Joshua Unsanant
Thomas J. D. Fuller	James L. Orr	Mike Walsh
James Gamble	Asa Packer	William H. Witte
William O. Goode	Jared V. Peck	Daniel B. Wright
Alfred B. Greenwood	Rufus W. Peckham	Hendrick B. Wright.
William T. Hamilton	Alex. C. M. Pennington	

So the said amendment, as amended, was disagreed to.

Mr. Houston moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Cox moved that the vote by which the 13th amendment was agreed to be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate with the action of the House upon the said amendments.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed, without amendment, bills and a resolution of this House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 790. An act for carrying into effect the convention upon the subject of claims between the United States and her Britannic Majesty, of 8th February, 1853.

H. R. 750. An act to amend an act approved the 4th of August, 1854, entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators."

H. R. 650. An act allowing the further time of two years to those holding lands by entries in the Virginia military district in Ohio, which were made prior to 1st January, 1852, to have the same surveyed and patented.

H. R. 520. An act for the relief of James Holstin.

H. Res. 62. Joint resolution for the relief of Clark Mills.

The Senate have also passed, with amendments, a bill of the following title, viz:

H. R. 445. An act to reorganize the courts of the District of Columbia, and to reform and improve the laws thereof; in which amendments I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have receded from their amendments, disagreed to by the House, to the bill of the House (No. 561) entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856."

The Senate have passed a resolution of the following title, viz:

S. Res. 46. A resolution requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to ascertain the value of certain powder destroyed by order of Commander George H. Hollins, of the navy of the United States, and to pay the value thereof to the person to whom it belonged; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have also passed, with an amendment, the bill of the House (No. 580) making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defence, and for repairs of barracks and quarters, for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Haven, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the said bill of the House No. 580, (fortifications) with the amendment of the Senate thereto, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 790. An act for carrying into effect the convention upon the subject of claims between the United States and her Britannic Majesty, of the 8th of February, 1853.

H. R. 555. An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty

stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1856, and for other purposes.

S. 511. An act in addition to certain acts granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States.

S. 603. An act for the relief of Mrs. Nancy Weatherford, widow of Colonel William Weatherford, of the first regiment Illinois volunteers, in the Mexican war.

H. R. 650. An act allowing the further time of two years to those holding lands by entries in the Virginia military district in Ohio, which were made prior to the 1st of January, 1852, to have the same surveyed and patented.

H. R. 520. An act for the relief of James Holstein.

H. R. 750. An act to amend an act approved the 4th of August, 1854, entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators."

H. R. 561. An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856.

H. Res. 62. Joint resolution for the relief of Clark Mills.

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

On motion of Mr. Henn, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (No. 621) entitled "An act to change the boundaries of the land districts in the State of Iowa, and for other purposes," was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

Pending the question on its third reading,

Mr. Henn submitted an amendment, in the nature of a substitute therefor.

Pending which,

Mr. Henn moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered to be put.

When,

Mr. Skelton moved, at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put, Will the House agree to the said amendment?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on its passage, Mr. Henn moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

So the bill was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendment.

Mr. Henn moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Fuller, by unanimous consent, the bill of the

House (No. 752) "to regulate the carriage of passengers in steamships and other vessels," with the amendments of the Senate thereto, was taken up, and the said amendments severally agreed to.

Mr. Fuller moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Hendrick B. Wright, (the rules having been suspended for that purpose,) the Committee of the Whole House were discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 445) entitled "An act for the relief of Madalena Van Ness, widow of Cornelius P. Van Ness, deceased;"

And the House proceeded to its consideration.

Pending the question on its third reading,

Mr. Hendrick B. Wright moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said bill was ordered to be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on its passage,

Mr. Hendrick B. Wright moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. Skelton moved, at 10 o'clock and 55 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

The question then recurred on the demand for the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the bill be laid on the table; which motion was disagreed to.

The question again recurring on the demand for the previous question, it was seconded and the main question ordered to be put.

When,

Mr. Seymour moved that the vote by which the main question was ordered be reconsidered.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Cook, the said motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The question was then put, Shall the bill pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas 90
Nays 44

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barksdale
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas H. Benton
Preston S. Brooks
Lewis D. Campbell
Joseph R. Chandler
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook

Mr. Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Francis B. Cutting
Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmonds
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Elliot
Emerson Etheridge

Mr. E. Wilder Farley
Thomas B. Florence
John R. Franklin
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
John Z. Goodrich
Frederick W. Green
Andrew J. Harlan
Wiley P. Harris
John Scott Harrison
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
Thomas M. Howe

Mr. Harvey H. Johnson
 John Kerr
 William H. Kurtz
 Alfred W. Lamb
 James H. Lane
 Milton S. Latham
 Samuel Lilly
 James A. McDougall
 Fayette McMullen
 John McNair
 John B. Macy
 Orasmus B. Matteson
 James Maurice
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 Jesse O. Norton
 Edson B. Olds
 Andrew Oliver

Mr. Mordecai Oliver
 James L. Orr
 Jared V. Peck
 John Perkins, jr.
 Philip Phillips
 William Preston
 George Read Riddle
 Peter Rowe
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 William R. Sapp
 James L. Seward
 Jacob Shower
 George A. Simmons
 Frederick P. Stanton
 Richard H. Stanton
 Hester L. Stevens

Mr. Andrew Stuart
 David Stuart
 John L. Taylor
 Isaac Teller
 Benjamin B. Thurston
 Charles W. Upham
 Joshua Vansant
 William A. Walker
 Samuel H. Walley
 Mike Walsh
 Ellihu B. Washburne
 Tappan Wentworth
 Theodorie R. Westbrook
 John Wheeler
 William H. Witte
 Daniel B. Wright
 Hendrick B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Thomas S. Bocock
 Samuel A. Bridges
 Davis Carpenter
 John S. Caskie
 Burton Craige
 Carlton B. Curtis
 John G. Davis
 John L. Dawson
 Augustus Drum
 Cyrus L. Dunham
 Andrew Ellison
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Thomas T. Flagler
 William O. Goode
 Alfred B. Greenwood

Mr. Aaron Harlan
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Daniel T. Jones
 George W. Jones
 John Letcher
 William D. Lindaley
 John McCulloch
 Moses Macdonald
 Samuel Mayall
 John S. Millson
 Edwin B. Morgan
 William Murray
 Matthias H. Nichols
 Asa Packer
 Alex. C. M. Pennington

Mr. John S. Phelps
 James T. Pratt
 Benjamin Pringle
 David A. Reese
 Thomas Ruffin
 Samuel L. Russell
 Origen S. Seymour
 Henry M. Shaw
 Otto R. Singleton
 Charles Skelton
 William Smith
 John J. Taylor
 Michael C. Trout
 Irael Washburn, jr.

So the bill was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Hendrick B. Wright moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Singleton, (the rules having been suspended for that purpose,) introduced a bill (H. R. 857) to provide accommodations for the United States courts in the city of Jackson, Mississippi; which was read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Singleton moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. David J. Bailey moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to move that the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 549) entitled "An act to appropriate money to remove the obstructions in the Savannah river, below the city of Savannah, in the State of Georgia."

Pending which,

Mr. Edgerton moved, at 11 o'clock and 33 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

The question then recurring on the motion of Mr. David J. Bailey, the yeas and nays were ordered thereon.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Giddings, at 11 o'clock and 40 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock a. m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1855.

The following petitions and other papers were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Disney: A communication from the Commissioner of the General Land Office to Congress, in relation to printing five hundred copies of his annual report for the use of his office; which was referred to the Committee on Printing.

By Mr. Lewis: The petition of citizens of the State of Virginia, for a mail-route from Pennsylvania to Centreville, in said State.

By Mr. Boyd: The petition of John James Floornoy, that he be exempt from the payment of postage.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Brooks: The petition of Smith Rodford, for arrears of pension.

By Mr. Grow: The petition of Polly Bullock, daughter and heir of James Satterlee, a soldier of the Revolution, for arrears of pension due her mother as the widow of said James Satterlee.

By Mr. Nathaniel G. Taylor: The petition of John Ottinger for revolutionary pension.

By Mr. Bishop Perkins: Evidence in the claim of Col. James Livingston for revolutionary services.

By Mr. Brooks: The petition of Benjamin Hatcher, for the pay proper of his father, Captain Benjamin Hatcher, for services rendered in the South Carolina militia in the war of the Revolution.

By Mr. Skelton: The petition of citizens of Granville, Monmouth county, New Jersey, for the freedom of the public lands.

By Mr. Bell: The petition of citizens and members of the bar of Texas, asking for the establishment of a circuit court in said State;

Also, eight petitions of citizens of the State of Texas and members of the bar, for a change in the judicial districts of the district court of the United States in said State.

By Mr. Giddings: The petition of citizens of the State of Ohio, for the repeal of the fugitive slave law.

By Mr. Nathaniel G. Taylor: The petition of Walter James, for compensation for a horse lost in the military service of the United States;

Also, four petitions of citizens of the State of Tennessee, for a suspension of the duty on railroad iron.

By Mr. Hughes: The petition of citizens of New York for an amendment to the bounty-land law.

By Mr. English: Three joint resolutions of the legislature of the State of Indiana, to wit:

- I Relative to the swamp-land locations in said State;
- II. Relative to the election of United States senators by the people of the several States;
- III. Relative to increase of pension for military services during the war of 1812.

By Mr. Mace: Three joint resolutions of the legislature of the State of Indiana of like import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Henn: The petition of citizens of the State of Iowa against the renewal of the patents of Hussey, McCormick, and Moore and Hascall.

By Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne: The petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, of like import with the foregoing.

Ordered, That said petitions, evidence, and other papers, be laid on the table.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House messages from the President of the United States, and executive communications, as follows, viz:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate to Congress herewith a communication of this date, from the Secretary of the Interior, with accompanying estimates, and recommend that the appropriations therein asked for be made.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, February 23, 1855.

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents be laid on the table, and printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate to Congress herewith a copy of an act of the legislature of the State of Texas, approved the 11th of February, 1854, making partial provision for running and marking the boundary line between the said State and the territories of the United States, from the point where the said line leaves the Red river to its intersection with the Rio Grande, and appropriating ten thousand dollars towards carrying the same into effect, when the United States shall have made provision, by the enactment of a law, for the appointment of the necessary officers to join in the execution of said survey.

It will be perceived, from the accompanying papers, that the early demarkation of said boundary line is urgently desired on the part of Texas, and, acquiescing in the importance thereof, I recommend that provision be made by law for the appointment officers to act in conjunction with those to be appointed by the State of Texas, and that the sum of ten thousand dollars, at least, be appropriated for the payment of their salaries and necessary incidental expenses.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, March 1, 1855.

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents be laid on the table and printed.

I. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, in compliance with a resolution of the House of the 21st ult., a copy of the report and accompanying maps of Colonel C. A. Fuller, of his late survey of the Red river in the region of the Raft; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, in obedience to the provisions of the 11th section of the army appropriation act, approved March 31, 1853, printed reports of the engineers employed under the provisions of that act to make such explorations and surveys as the War Department might deem advisable, in order to ascertain the most practicable and economical route for a railroad from the Mississippi river to the Pacific ocean; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

III. A letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting a statement of fines, &c., of mail contractors, during the last year; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

IV. The annual report of the regents of the Smithsonian Institution; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. English moved that the usual extra number of the said report be printed; which motion was referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Upham, by unanimous consent, from the select committee to whom was referred the letter of the Hon. Rufus Choate resigning his place as a regent of the Smithsonian Institution, with instructions to inquire and report to the House whether the said institution has been managed and its funds expended in accordance with the law establishing the institution, &c., submitted a report thereon in writing; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Upham, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the select committee of the House on the Smithsonian Institution be authorized to make compensation, at the usual rate, to a clerk for the period of his service.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 857. A bill to provide accommodations for the United States courts in the city of Jackson, Mississippi;

H. R. 697. A bill for the relief of the widow of William Irving, deceased;

H. R. 856. A bill to establish certain post-routes—
severally without amendment.

The Senate have agreed to the amendment of this House to the bill of the Senate (No. 621) entitled "An act to change the boundaries of the land districts in the State of Iowa, and for other purposes."

The Senate have disagreed to the amendments of this House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 594) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1856; insisted upon their amendments, disagreed to by the House, to the said bill, ask a conference

with the House on the said disagreeing votes, and have appointed Mr. Rusk, Mr. Brodhead, and Mr. Benjamin the said committee on their part.

And then he withdrew.

The House having resumed the consideration of the motion submitted yesterday by Mr. David J. Bailey, to suspend the rules so as to enable him to move that the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 549) entitled "An act to appropriate money to remove the obstructions in the Savannah river below the city of Savannah, in the State of Georgia,"

The question was put, Will the House agree thereto?

And there appeared, { Yeas 76
 { Nays 35

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Appleton
William S. Ashe
David J. Bailey
Francis M. Bristow
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
Elijah W. Chastain
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Francis B. Cutting
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
J. Wiley Edmonds
John M. Elliott
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
Joshua E. Giddings
John Z. Goodrich
Alfred B. Greenwood

Mr. Andrew J. Harlan
Solomon G. Haven
Bernhart Henn
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
John Kerr
Milton S. Latham
William D. Lindale
James A. McDougall
John B. Macy
Orasmus B. Matteson
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Edwin B. Morgan
Matthias H. Nichols
Mordecai Oliver
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Philip Phillips
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
David Ritchie
Thomas Ritchie
John Robbins, jr.
Samuel L. Russell

Mr. Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hester L. Stevens
Nathan T. Stratton
Christian M. Straub
John L. Taylor
Isaac Teller
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
Samuel H. Walley
Elihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodorick R. Westbrook.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Samuel A. Bridges
Davis Carpenter
James S. Christian
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
Cyrus L. Dunham
Henry A. Edmundson
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas J. D. Fuller

Mr. William O. Goode
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
William H. Kurtz
John Letcher
Daniel Mace
Samuel Mayall

Mr. James Meacham
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
William Murray
Jesse O. Norton
Samuel W. Parker
John S. Phelps
William Smith
William B. Smith
Michael C. Trout
Mike Walsh.

No quorum having voted,

The Speaker ascertained that a quorum was present; and the question was again put, Shall the rules be suspended?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 92
Nays 40

Two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Appleton
William S. Ashe
David J. Bailey
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Samuel P. Benson
Francis M. Bristow
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
Elijah W. Chastain
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
John L. Dawson
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmonds
Thomas D. Eliot
John M. Eliott
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
John R. Franklin

Mr. Joshua R. Giddings
John Z. Goodrich
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Andrew J. Harlan
Solomon G. Haven
Bernhart Henn
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
John Kerr
James Knox
Milton S. Latham
William D. Lindsley
James A. McDougall
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
James Meacham
Ner Middlewarth
Edwin B. Morgan
Matthias H. Nichols
Mordecai Oliver
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Philip Phillips
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
George Read Riddle

Mr. Thomas Ritchey
John Robbins, jr.
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Frederick P. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Nathan T. Stratton
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
John L. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Andrew Tracy
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
Samuel H. Walley
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodoric R. Westbrook

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Nathan Belcher
Samuel A. Bridges
Davis Carpenter
James S. Chrisman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Carlton B. Curtis
Cyrus L. Dunham
Henry A. Edmundson
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
E. Wilder Farley
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas J. D. Fuller

Mr. William O. Goode
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Colin M. Ingersoll
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
John Letcher

Mr. John McNair
Daniel Mace
Samuel Mayall
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
Edson B. Olds
Samuel W. Parker
John S. Phelps
David Ritchie
Peter Rowe
William Smith
Mike Walsh
Hendrick B. Wright.

So the rules were suspended.

The House having proceeded to the consideration of the said bill,

The Speaker stated the question to be on its third reading.

Mr. Seward moved the previous question, which was seconded and

the main question ordered, and, under the operation thereof, the bill was ordered to be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on its passage,

Mr. David J. Bailey moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. Mace moved that the bill be laid on the table; which motion was disagreed to.

The question then recurring on the demand for the previous question, it was seconded and the main question ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 85
Nays..... 59

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Appleton
William S. Ashe
David J. Bailey
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas H. Benton
Francis M. Bristow
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Joseph R. Chandler
Elijah W. Chastain
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
J. Wiley Edmonds
Thomas D. Eliot
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
John Z. Goodrich
Frederick W. Green

Mr. Solomon G. Haven
Bernhart Henn
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Theodore G. Hunt
James Knox
William D. Lindsley
James A. McDougall
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
Mordecai Oliver
Asa Packer
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
William Preston
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
William A. Richardson
Thomas Ritchey
Sion H. Rogers
Thomas Ruffin

Mr. Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
Wilson Shannon
Henry M. Shaw
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
William R. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Andrew Stuart
John L. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vasant
Edward Wade
Samuel H. Walley
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodoric B. Westbrook.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Nathan Belcher
Thomas S. Bocock
Samuel A. Bridges
John S. Caskie
James S. Chrisman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Leander M. Cox
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
Henry A. Edmundson
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas J. D. Fuller

Mr. William O. Goode
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Wiley P. Harris
Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Colin M. Ingersoll
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
John Letcher

Mr. Charles S. Lewis
John McCulloch
John McNair
Daniel Mace
James Maurice
Samuel Mayall
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
Andrew Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
John S. Phelps
Paulus Powell

Mr. James T. Pratt
Benjamin Pringle
Peter Rowe
Nathan T. Stratton

Mr. Christian M. Straub
John J. Taylor
Michael C. Trout
Mike Walsh

Mr. John Wheeler
William H. Witte
Hendrick B. Wright

So the bill was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Seward moved that the vote by which the said bill was passed be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the House insist on their amendments disagreed to by the Senate to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 594) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1856, and also insist upon their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate insisted on by the Senate to the said bill, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the said disagreeing votes.

The Speaker thereupon appointed Mr. Houston, Mr. Ready, and Mr. Dawson the said committee on the part of the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Russell, from the Committee on Printing, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That there be printed six thousand extra copies of the annual report of the Smithsonian Institute—four thousand for the use of the members, and two thousand for the Institution; and also five hundred extra copies of the report of the Commissioner of the Land Office, for the use of said Commissioner.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the House (No. 562) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Faulkner, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the said bill No. 562, (army appropriations,) reported—

That the Senate recede from their 6th, 14th, 15th, 17th, and 20th amendments, disagreed to by the House.

That the House agree to the 13th amendment of the Senate with amendments, as follows:

“In line 8, after the word ‘property,’ insert, ‘of American citizens.’

“In line 12, after the word ‘property,’ insert, ‘of American citizens.’

“In line 25, after the word ‘each,’ insert, ‘during the time of their services in California.’

“In line 37, after the word ‘board,’ insert, ‘not exceeding the usual mileage of an officer going to and returning from California.’

“In line 38, after the word ‘member,’ insert, ‘for necessary travel in California.’

“At the end of the amendment add the following: ‘Provided, however, That the said board shall not continue its services exceeding one year: And provided further, That it shall be lawful for the President of the United

States alone to appoint such of the commissioned officers authorized by this act below the grade of field officer, as may not be appointed during the present session, as in the case of vacancies occurring during the recess of Congress.'

"JAMES SHIELDS,

"J. TOUCEY,

"JOHN B. WELLER,

"Managers on the part of the Senate.

"CHAS. J. FAULKNER,

"JOHN L. TAYLOR,

"Managers on the part of the House."

The same having been read,

Mr. Clingman moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the said report?

And it was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 64
Nays..... 91

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
William Appleton
William Barksdale
Nathan Belcher
Thomas S. Bocock
John C. Breckinridge
Francis M. Bristow
Preston S. Brooks
Samuel Caruthers
Elijah W. Chastain
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
Francis B. Cutting
James F. Dowdell
Augustus Drum
William Dunbar
J. Wiley Edmands
Henry A. Edmundson

Mr. John M. Elliott
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
William O. Goode
Frederick W. Green
Aaron Harlan
Sampson W. Harris
John Scott Harrison
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Colin M. Ingersoll
Harvey H. Johnson
Roland Jones
John Kerr
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
James A. McDougall

Mr. John McNair
Smith Miller
Edson B. Olds
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
William Preston
Charles Ready
William A. Richardson
Origen S. Seymour
Jacob Showers
William Smith
William R. Smith
John L. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
William M. Tweed
Samuel H. Walley
Mike Walsh
John Wentworth
Theodor R. Westbrook
Hendrick B. Wright

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William S. Ashe
Edward Ball
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas H. Benton
William W. Boyce
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
John S. Caskie
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
James S. Chrisman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Leander M. Cox
Burton Craige
Carlton B. Curtis
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
William B. W. Dent
Alexander De Witt

Mr. David T. Disney
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
Thomas D. Eliot
Andrew Ellison
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas T. Flagler
James Gamble
Joshua R. Giddings
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Bernhart Henn
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
George S. Houston
Thomas M. Howe

Mr. Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
George W. Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
William H. Kurtz
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
John McCulloch
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble

Mr. Jesse O. Norton
 Andrew Oliver
 Samuel W. Parker
 Jared V. Peck
 Alex. C. M. Pennington
 Bishop Perkins
 John S. Phelps
 Paulus Powell
 James T. Pratt
 Benjamin Pringle
 David Ritchie
 Thomas Ritchey

Mr. Peter Rowe
 Thomas Ruffin
 Samuel L. Russell
 Alvah Sabin
 Russell Sage
 William R. Sapp
 James L. Seward
 Henry M. Shaw
 Charles Skelton
 Hester L. Stevens
 Nathan T. Stratton

Mr. Christian M. Straub
 Andrew Stuart
 John J. Taylor
 Nathaniel G. Taylor
 Andrew Tracy
 Charles W. Upham
 Joshua Vansant
 Elihu B. Washburne
 Israel Washburn, jr.
 Daniel Wells, jr.
 John Wheeler.

So the said report was disagreed to.

Mr. Phelps moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Phelps, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the House ask a further conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the House (No. 562) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending June 30, 1856.

Ordered, That Mr. Phelps, Mr. Edgerton, and Mr. Walley, be the managers at the said second conference on the part of the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 621. An act to change the boundaries of the land districts in the State of Iowa, and for other purposes.

H. R. 697. An act for the relief of W. Irving, deceased.

H. R. 856. An act to establish certain post roads.

H. R. 857. An act to provide accommodations for the United States courts in the city of Jackson, Mississippi.

S. 445. An act for the relief Madalena Van Ness, widow of Cornelius P. Van Ness, deceased.

H. R. 752. An act to regulate the carriage of passengers in steamships and other vessels.

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Witte, from the select committee appointed under a resolution of the House of the 21st of July, 1854, to investigate the charges preferred by B. E. Green against the Hon. Thomas H. Bayly, submitted a report in writing; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Witte, from the select committee, to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States, accompanied by a list of the prices asked for sites for courts and post offices for the United States, in the cities of New York, Philadelphia, and Boston, submitted a report in writing; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Witte also submitted the views of a portion of the select committee to whom was referred the letter of the Hon. Rufus Choate, resigning his place as one of the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution,

together with the accompanying resolution of the House; which were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Clark, the rules having been suspended for that purpose, the bill of the Senate (No. 498) entitled "An act making appropriations for deepening the channel over the St. Clair flats, and for deepening the channel over the flats of the St. Mary's river, in the State of Michigan," was taken out of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the House proceeded to its consideration.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on its passage,

Mr. Clark moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said bill was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Walley moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to move that the bill of the Senate (No. 611) entitled "An act for continuing certain public works in the State of Massachusetts," be taken from the Speaker's table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 84
Nays..... 67

Two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Appleton
David J. Bailey
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas H. Benton
Francis M. Bristow
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Joseph R. Chandler
Samuel Clark
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
Francis B. Cutting
Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmands
Thomas D. Eliot
Emerson Etheridge
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas T. Flagler
John R. Franklin

Mr. Joshua R. Giddings
John Z. Goodrich
Andrew J. Harlan
John Scott Harrison
Solomon G. Haven
Bernhart Henn
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
John Kerr
James Knox
Milton S. Latham
William D. Lindsley
John B. Macy
Henry May
Edwin B. Morgan
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Mordecai Oliver
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle
Charles Ready
William A. Richardson
Sion H. Rogers
Samuel L. Russell

Mr. Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Frederick P. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Nathan T. Stratton
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
Samuel H. Walley
Elliuh B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodorice R. Westbrook
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
Thomas H. Bayly

Mr. William Barksdale
Thomas S. Bocock
John S. Caskie

Mr. Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Williamson B. W. Cobb

Mr. Burton Craige
 Carlton B. Curtis
 John G. Davis
 John L. Dawson
 David T. Disney
 James F. Dowdell
 Henry A. Edmundson
 Andrew Ellison
 William H. English
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Thomas J. D. Fuller
 James Gamble
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 Ben Edwards Grey
 Galusha A. Grow
 William T. Hamilton
 Aaron Harlan
 Sampson W. Harris
 Thomas A. Hendricks
 Isaac E. Hiester

Mr. George S. Houston
 Colin M. Ingersoll
 George W. Jones
 Lawrence M. Keitt
 Zedekiah Kidwell
 William H. Kurtz
 Alfred W. Lamb
 James H. Lane
 John Letcher
 Charles S. Lewis
 Samuel Lilly
 James J. Lindley
 John McCulloch
 Fayette McMullen
 John McNair
 John McQueen
 James Maurice
 Augustus E. Maxwell
 Samuel Mayall

Mr. Smith Miller
 John S. Millson
 William Murray
 Andrew Oliver
 Asa Packer
 Jared V. Peck
 John S. Phelps
 Paulus Powell
 Peter Rowe
 Thomas Ruffin
 Wilson Shannon
 Henry M. Shaw
 Charles Skelton
 Samuel A. Smith
 William Smith
 Richard H. Stanton
 Christian M. Straub
 Mike Walsh
 John Wheeler.

So the House refused to suspend the rules.

On motion of Mr. Stratton, by unanimous consent, the resolution of the Senate (No. 10) "explanatory of an act entitled 'An act for the relief of Abigail Stafford,'" was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said resolution be read the third time.

It was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Ready, by unanimous consent, the Committee of the Whole House were discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 590) entitled "An act for the relief of Franklin Chase," and the House proceeded to its consideration.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. William Smith moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to move that the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 481) entitled "An act for the relief of Captain Thomas Ap Catesby Jones."

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas.....	69
{ Nays	62

Two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
 William Appleton
 William S. Ashe
 Edward Ball
 Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
 Thomas S. Bocoek
 John C. Breckinridge
 Lewis D. Campbell
 Joseph R. Chandler
 Thomas L. Clingman
 Leander M. Cox
 William Cullom
 Francis B. Cutting
 Thomas Davis

Mr. David T. Disney
 William Dunbar
 Norman Eddy
 Alfred P. Edgerton
 Henry A. Edmundson
 John M. Elliott
 E. Wilder Farley
 Charles J. Faulkner
 Thomas B. Florence
 John R. Franklin
 James Gamble
 John Z. Goodrich
 Alfred B. Greenwood
 Ben Edwards Grey

Mr. John Scott Harrison
 Solomon G. Haven
 Isaac E. Hiester
 Thomas M. Howe
 Theodore G. Hunt
 Lawrence M. Keitt
 John Kerr
 Alfred W. Lamb
 James H. Lane
 Samuel Lilly
 James J. Lindley
 John McQueen
 John B. Macy
 Augustus E. Maxwell

Mr. Henry May
Smith Miller
Jesse O. Norton
Samuel W. Parker
John Perkins, jr.
Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell
James T. Pratt
William Preston

Mr. Charles Ready
David A. Reese
John Robbins, jr.
Thomas Ruffin
William R. Sapp
Wilson Shannon
William Smith
Richard H. Stanton
Christian M. Straub

John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Joshua Vansant
Hiram Walbridge
Ellihu B. Washburne
John Wentworth
Theodore R. Westbrook
William H. Witte
Hendrick B. Wright

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
Samuel P. Benson
Davis Carpenter
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Elijah W. Chastain
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Burton Craig
Samuel L. Crocker
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
James F. Dowdell
Ben C. Eastman
J. Wiley Edmands
Thomas D. Eliot
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas J. D. Fuller

Mr. Joshua R. Giddings
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Andrew J. Harlan
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hibbard
Clement S. Hill
George S. Houston
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
James Knox
William D. Lindsey
John McCulloch
Daniel Mace
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Ner Middleswarth
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan

Mr. William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
Andrew Oliver
Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Benjamin Pringle
Peter Rowe
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
James L. Seward
Charles Skelton
John J. Taylor
Andrew Tracy
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
Mike Walsh
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wheeler
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the House refused to suspend the rules.

Two messages in writing were received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary; which were handed in at the Speaker's table. Also, a message notifying the House that he did, on the 2d instant, approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 611. An act for the relief of William G. Preston.

■. R. 517. An act authorizing the corporate authorities of Georgetown to impose additional taxes, and for other purposes.

H. R. 700. An act for the relief of the children and grandchildren of Thomas Morris.

H. R. 777. An act for the relief of Charles H. Pointer.

H. R. 356. An act for the relief of William G. Howison.

H. R. 384. An act for the relief of Anna E. Cook.

H. R. 696. An act for the benefit of the heirs of Philip R. Rice.

H. R. 622. An act for the relief of Sarah Morriss, only heir of Robert Mitchell, deceased.

A message was also received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary, returning the bill of the House (No. 595) entitled "An act making appropriations for the transportation of the United States mail, by ocean steamers and otherwise, during the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1855, and the 30th June, 1856," with his objections thereto; which objections were read, and are as follows, viz:

To the House of Representatives :

I return herewith to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, the bill entitled "An act making appropriations for the transportation of the United States mail by ocean steamers and otherwise, during the fiscal years ending the 30th of June, 1855, and the 30th of June, 1856," with a brief statement of the reasons which prevent its receiving my approval.

The bill provides, among other things, that "the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856 :

"For transportation of the mails from New York to Liverpool and back, \$858,000 ; and that the proviso contained in the first section of the act entitled 'An act to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1852,' approved the 21st of July, 1852, be, and the same is hereby, repealed : *Provided*, That Edward K. Collins and his associates shall proceed, with all due diligence, to build another steamship, in accordance with the terms of their contract, and have the same ready for the mail service in two years from and after the passage of this act. And if the said steamship is not ready within the time above mentioned, by reason of any neglect or want of diligence on their part, then the said Edward K. Collins and his associates shall carry the United States mails between New York and Liverpool from the expiration of the said two years, every fortnight, free of any charge to the government, until the new steamship shall have commenced the said mail service."

The original contract was predicated upon the proposition of E. K. Collins of March 6, 1846, made with abundant means of knowledge as to the advantages and disadvantages of the terms which he then submitted for the acceptance of the government. The proposition was in the following terms :

"E. K. Collins and his associates propose to carry the United States mail between New York and Liverpool twice each month during eight months of the year, and once a month during the other four months, for the sum of three hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars (\$385,000) per annum, payable quarterly. For this purpose they will agree to build five steamships, of not less than two thousand tons measurement, and of one thousand horse-power each, which vessels shall be built for great speed, and sufficiently strong for war purposes.

"Four of said vessels to be ready for service in eighteen months from the signing of the contract. The fifth vessel to be built as early as possibly practicable, and, when not employed in the mail service, to be subject to the orders of the government for carrying despatches, for which service a fair compensation is to be paid. Contract to be for the term of ten years. It is also proposed to secure to the United States the privilege of purchasing said steamships whenever they may be required for public purposes, at a fair valuation, to be ascertained by appraisers appointed by the United States and by the owners.

"EDWARD K. COLLINS.

"WASHINGTON, March 6, 1846."

The act of March 3, 1847, provides: "That from and immediately after the passage of this act, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Navy to accept, on the part of the government of the United States, the proposals of E. K. Collins and his associates, of the city of New York, submitted to the Postmaster General, and dated at Washington, March 6, 1846, for the transportation of the United States mail between New York and Liverpool, and to contract with the said E. K. Collins and his associates for the faithful fulfilment of the stipulations therein contained, and in accordance with the provisions of this act;" and under this proposition and enactment the original contract was made.

According to the terms of that contract, the parties were to receive from the United States, for twenty round trips each year, the sum of \$19,250 the trip, or \$385,000 per annum; and they were to construct and provide five ships, of a stipulated size and quality, for the performance of this or other service for the government.

Of the ships contracted for, only four have been furnished, the Atlantic, Pacific, Arctic, and Baltic, and the present bill proposes to dispense entirely with the original condition of a fifth ship, by only requiring the construction of one, which would but supply the place of the Arctic, recently lost by peril of the sea. Certain minor conditions, involving expense to the contractors, among which was one for the accommodation and subsistence of a certain number of passed midshipmen on each vessel, had previously been dispensed with on the part of the United States.

By act of Congress of July 21, 1852, the amount of compensation to the contractors was increased from \$19,250 to \$33,000 a trip, and the number of trips from twenty to twenty-six each year—making the whole compensation \$858,000 per annum. During the period of time from the commencement of the service of these contractors on the 27th of April, 1850, to the end of the last fiscal year, June 30, 1854, the sum paid to them by the United States amounted to \$2,620,906, without reckoning public money advanced on loan to aid them in the construction of the ships; while the whole amount of postages derived to the department has been only \$734,056; showing an excess of expenditure above receipts of \$1,886,440 to the charge of the government. In the mean time, in addition to the payments from the treasury, the parties have been in the enjoyment of large receipts from the transportation of passengers and merchandise, the profits of which are in addition to the amount allowed by the United States.

It does not appear that the liberal conditions heretofore enjoyed by the parties were less than a proper compensation for the service to be performed, including whatever there may have been of hazard in a new undertaking; nor that any hardship can be justly alleged calling for relief on the part of the government.

On the other hand, the construction of five ships of great speed, and sufficiently strong for war purposes, and the services of passed midshipmen on board of them, so as thus to augment the contingent force and the actual efficiency of the navy, were among the inducements of the government to enter into the contract.

The act of July 21, 1852, provides "that it shall be in the power of

Congress at any time after the 31st day of December, 1864, to terminate the arrangement for the additional allowance herein provided for upon giving six months' notice;" and it will be seen that, with the exception of the six additional trips required by the act of July 21, 1862, there has been no departure from the original engagement but to relieve the contractors from obligation; and yet, by the act last named, the compensation was increased from \$385,000 to \$858,000, with no other protection to the public interests provided than the right which Congress reserved to itself to terminate the contract, so far as this increased compensation was concerned, after six months' notice. This last provision, certainly a primary consideration for the more generous action of the government, the present bill proposes to repeal, so as to leave Congress no power to terminate the new arrangement.

To this repeal the objections are, in my mind, insuperable, because, in terms, it deprives the United States of all future discretion as to the increased service and compensation, whatever changes may occur in the art of navigation, its expenses, or the policy and political condition of the country. The gravity of this objection is enhanced by other considerations. While the contractors are to be paid a compensation nearly double the rate of the original contract, they are exempted from several of its conditions, which has the effect of adding still more to that rate; while the further advantage is conceded to them, of placing their new privileges beyond the control even of Congress.

It will be regarded as a less serious objection than that already stated, but one which should not be overlooked, that the privileges bestowed upon the contractors are without corresponding advantages to the government, which receives no sufficient pecuniary or other return for the immense outlay involved; which could obtain the same service of other parties at less cost; and which, if the bill becomes a law, will pay them a large amount of public money without adequate consideration—that is, will in effect confer a gratuity, whilst nominally making provision for the transportation of the mails of the United States.

To provide for making a donation of such magnitude, and to give to the arrangement the character of permanence which this bill proposes, would be to deprive commercial enterprise of the benefits of free competition, and to establish a monopoly, in violation of the soundest principles of public policy, and of doubtful compatibility with the Constitution.

I am, of course, not unmindful of the fact that the bill comprises various other appropriations which are more or less important to the public interests; for which reason my objections to it are communicated at the first meeting of the House following its presentation to me, in the hope that by amendment to bills now pending, or otherwise, suitable provision for all the objects in question may be made before the adjournment of Congress.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, March 3.

The Speaker having stated the question to be, Will the House, on reconsideration, agree to pass the said bill?

After debate,

Mr. Boyce moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. Wheeler moved, at 2 o'clock p. m., that the House adjourn.

And the question being put on the latter motion,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 8
Nays..... 180

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. Edward Ball
E. Wilder Farley
James Maurice

Mr. James Meacham
Edwin B. Morgan
Jared V. Peck

Mr. John L. Taylor
John Wheeler.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
Thomas H. Bayly
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barksdale
Nathan Belcher
Peter H. Bell
Henry Bennett
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas H. Benton
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Preston S. Brooks
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
John S. Caskie
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Burton Craige
Samuel L. Crocker
Thomas W. Cumming
Carlton B. Curtis
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
James F. Dowdell
Augustus Drum
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
Ben C. Eastman

Mr. Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmands
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Eliot
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. Engfish
Emerson Etheridge
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas B. Florence
John R. Franklin
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
William O. Goode
John Z. Goodrich
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Andrew J. Harlan
Sampson W. Harris
Wiley P. Harris
John Scott Harrison
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
George S. Houston
Thomas M. Howe
Theodore G. Hunt
Colin M. Ingersoll
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham

Mr John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindsley
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
Fayette McMullen
John McQueen
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Ner Middlewarth
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
Andrew Oliver
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Bishop Perkins
John Perkins, jr.
John S. Phelps
Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell
James T. Pratt
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
John Robbins, jr.
Sion H. Rogers
Peter Rowe
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
William R. Sapp

Mr. James L. Seward
Wilson Shaanon
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
Otho R. Singleton
Charles Skelton
Samuel A. Smith
William Smith
William R. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hestor L. Stevens

Mr. Nathan T. Stratton
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
John J. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant

Mr. Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Mike Walsh
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
Theodor R. Westbrook
William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the House refused to adjourn.

The question then recurring on the demand for the previous question, it was seconded.

Pending the question on ordering the main question,

Mr. Matteson moved, at 2 o'clock and 30 minutes p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put, Shall the main question be now put?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 131
Nays..... 42

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
Thomas H. Bayly
William Barksdale
Nathan Belcher
Thomas H. Benton
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow
Preston S. Brooks
Samuel Caruthers
John S. Caskie
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson E. W. Cobb
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox
Burton Craige
Samuel L. Crocker
Thomas W. Cumming
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
Edward Dickinson
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
J. Wiley Edmonds
Henry A. Edmundson

Mr. Thomas D. Eliot
Andrew Ellison
William H. Engliash
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
Charles J. Faulkner
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Ben Edwards Grey
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Sampson W. Harris
Wiley P. Harris
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
George S. Houston
Thomas M. Howe
Harvey H. Johnson
George W. Jones
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindsley
John McCulloch

Mr. Moses Macdonald
Fayette McMullen
John McNair
John McQueen
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
John Perkins, jr.
Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell
James T. Pratt
William Preston
Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
David A. Reese
William A. Richardson
Thomas Ritchey
Sion H. Rogers
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shaanon
Henry M. Shaw
Otho R. Singleton
Charles Skelton
William Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton

Mr. Nathan T. Stratton
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
John J. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Andrew Tracy

Mr. Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
William A. Walker
Ellihu B. Washburne

Mr. Daniel Wells, jr.
William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Samuel P. Benson
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
William Cullom
Francis B. Cutting
Alexander De Witt
David T. Disney
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas T. Flagler
John R. Franklin
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Aaron Harlan

Mr. Andrew J. Harlan
Theodore G. Hunt
John Kerr
James Knox
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
James Meacham
Ner Middlewarth
Edwin B. Morgan
Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham

Mr. Alex. C. M. Pennington
Benjamin Pringle
David Ritchie
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
George A. Simmons
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
Mike Walsh
Israel Washburn, jr.
John Wheeler.

So the main question was ordered ; and being put, viz : Will the House, on reconsideration, agree to pass the said bill?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas 79
Nays 99

The vote being taken, as directed by the constitution of the United States, by yeas and nays,

Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Appleton
Thomas H. Bayly
Edward Ball
Nathan Belcher
Samuel P. Benson
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Francis B. Cutting
Thomas Davis
Edward Dickinson
David T. Disney
Augustus Drum
William Dumbar
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edmonds
Thomas D. Eliot
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley

Mr. Thomas T. Flagler
John R. Franklin
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Frederick W. Green
Andrew J. Harlan
John Scott Harrison
George Hastings
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Daniel T. Jones
John Kerr
James Knox
Milton S. Latham
Caleb Lyon
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Samuel Mayall
James Meacham
Ner Middlewarth
Edwin B. Morgan
Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
Andrew Oliver

Mr. Jared V. Peck
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex C. M. Pennington
David Ritchie
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
George A. Simmons
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hester L. Stevens
John L. Taylor
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
Samuel H. Walley
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
Theodore R. Westbrook
John Wheeler.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
William Barksdale

Mr. Thomas H. Benton
Thomas S. Brocock
William W. Boyce

Mr. John C. Breckinridge
Samuel A. Bridges
Francis M. Bristow

Mr. Preston S. Brooks	Mr. Harry Hibbard	Mr. John Perkins, jr.
Samuel Caruthers	Isaac E. Hiester	John S. Phelps
John S. Caskie	Clement S. Hill	Philip Phillips
Elijah W. Chastain	George S. Houston	James T. Pratt
Leander M. Cox	Harvey H. Johnson	William Preatou
Burton Craig	George W. Jones	Charles Ready
Thomas W. Cumming	Roland Jones	William A. Richardson
John G. Davis	Lawrence M. Keitt	Thomas Ritchey
John L. Dawson	William H. Kurtz	John Robbins, jr.
James F. Dowdell	Alfred W. Lamb	Thomas Rufin
Cyrus L. Dunham	James H. Lane	Samuel L. Russell
Norman Eddy	John Letcher	James L. Seward
Henry A. Edmundson	Charles S. Lewis	Origen S. Seymour
John M. Elliott	Samuel Lilly	Wilson Shannon
Andrew Ellison	James J. Lindley	Henry M. Shaw
Emerson Etheridge	William D. Lindsey	Otho R. Singleton
Charles J. Faulkner	John McCulloch	Charles Shelton
Thomas B. Florence	John McNair	William Smith
Thomas J. D. Fuller	John McQueen	William R. Smith
William O. Goode	Augustus E. Maxwell	Nathan T. Stratton
Alfred B. Greenwood	Smith Miller	Christian M. Straub
Ben Edwards Grey	John S. Millson	Andrew Stuart
Galusha A. Grow	William Murray	John J. Taylor
William T. Hamilton	Matthias H. Nichols	Andrew Tracy
• Aaron Harlan	David A. Noble	Joshua Vansant
Sampson W. Harris	Mordecai Oliver	William A. Walker
Wiley P. Harris	James L. Orr	William H. Witte
Solomon G. Haven	Asa Packer	Daniel B. Wright
Thomas A. Hendricks	Samuel W. Parker	Headrick B. Wright
Bernhart Henn	Bishop Perkins	Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the House, on reconsideration, refused to pass the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 697. An act for the relief of the widow of W. Irving, deceased.

H. R. 857. An act to provide accommodations for the United States courts in the city of Jackson, Mississippi.

H. R. 856. An act to establish certain post roads.

H. R. 752. An act to regulate the carriage of passengers in steamships and other vessels.

S. 621. An act to change the boundaries of the land districts in the State of Iowa, and for other purposes.

S. 511. An act in addition to certain acts granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States.

H. R. 520. An act for the relief of James Holstin.

S. 603. An act for the relief of Mrs. Nancy Weatherford, widow of Colonel Wm. Weatherford, of the first regiment Illinois volunteers in the Mexican war.

H. R. 555. An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1856, and for other purposes.

H. R. 561. An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856.

H. R. 750. An act to amend an act approved the 4th of August, 1854, entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators."

H. R. 790. An act for carrying into effect the convention upon the subject of claims between the United States and her Britannic Majesty, of the 8th of February, 1853.

H. Res. 62. Joint resolution for the relief of Clark Mills.

S. 445. An act for the relief of Madalena Van Ness, widow of Cornelius P. Van Ness, deceased.

H. R. 650. An act allowing the further time of two years to those holding lands by entries in the Virginia military district, in Ohio, which were made prior to the 1st January, 1852, to have the same surveyed and patented.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate agree to a further conference, as asked by this House, on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the House (No. 562) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856; and have appointed Mr. Weller, Mr. Bayard, and Mr. Dawson the managers at the said conference on the part of the Senate.

The Senate request the return of the bill of the House (No. 580) entitled "An act making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defence, and for the repairs of barracks and quarters for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856," with the Senate amendment thereto.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Haven,

Ordered, That the bill of the House No. 580 (fortifications) be returned to the Senate, as requested by them.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled, bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

S. 549. An act to appropriate money to remove the obstructions in the Savannah river, below the city of Savannah, in the State of Georgia;

S. Res. 10. A resolution explanatory of an act entitled "An act for the relief of Abigail Stafford;"

S. 590. An act for the relief of Franklin Chase; and

S. 498. An act making appropriations for deepening the channel over the St. Clair flats, and for deepening the channel over the flats of the St. Mary's river, in the State of Michigan;

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary; which was handed in at the Speaker's table.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House the following messages, heretofore received from the President of the United States, viz:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to Congress, herewith, a communication of this date from the Secretary of the Interior, with accompanying papers, and recommend that the appropriations therein asked for be made.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, March 2, 1855. .

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to Congress, herewith, a communication of this date from the Secretary of the Interior, with its enclosure, and recommend that the appropriations therein asked for be made.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, March 2, 1855.

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and printed.

To the House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith to the House of Representatives a report from the Secretary of State, with accompanying documents, in answer to their resolutions of the 30th of January and 23d February last.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, March 3, 1855.

Ordered, That the said message and accompanying documents be laid on the table, and printed.

The Speaker, by unanimous consent, laid before the House a letter from the Commissioner of Customs, transmitting a statement of balances due from officers of the customs; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. May moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to move that the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 436) entitled "An act for the improvement of the navigation of the Patapsco river, and to render the port of Baltimore accessible to the war steamers of the United States."

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative,	{ Yeas	82
	{ Nays	66

Two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willie Allen
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
Thomas H. Bayly
William Barksdale
Thomas H. Benton
Samuel A. Bridges

Mr. Francis M. Bristow
Preston S. Brooks
Joseph R. Chandler
Elijah W. Chastain
James S. Chrisman
Samuel Clark
Moses B. Corwin
Leander M. Cox

Mr. Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Thomas W. Cumming
John L. Dawson
Alexander De Witt
William Dunbar
J. Wiley Edmonds
John M. Elliott

Mr. William H. English
Emerson Etheridge
Thomas B. Florence
John B. Franklin
Joshua R. Giddings
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
John Scott Harrison
Solomon G. Haven
Bernhart Henn
Theodore G. Hunt
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
John Kerr
Milton S. Latham
James J. Linlley
William D. Linsley
Caleb Lyon

Mr. John B. Macy
Henry May
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
Smith Miller
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
Alex. C. M. Pennington
John Perkins, jr.
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
William Preston
David A. Reese
William A. Richardson
George Road Riddle
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell

Mr. James L. Seward
Origen S. Seymour
Jacob Shower
Otho R. Singleton
Frederick P. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Christian M. Straub
David Stuart
John L. Taylor
William M. Tweed
Joshua Vaneant
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
Ellihu B. Washburne
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Theodorice R. Westbrook
William H. Witte
Hendrick B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James Abercrombie
Nathan Belcher
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas S. Bocoek
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
John S. Caskie
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John G. Davis
Edward Dickinson
Augustus Drum
Ben C. Eastman
Thomas D. Elliot
Andrew Elliman
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas J. D. Fuller
William O. Goode
Ben Edwards Gray
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Andrew J. Harlan

Mr. Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hibbard
Isaac E. Hiester
George S. Houston
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
John Letcher
Samuel Lilly
John McCulloch
John McNair
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Samuel Mayall
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
William Murray
Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds

Mr. Andrew Oliver
Jared V. Peck
Bishop Perkins
Paulus Powell
Benjamin Pringle
Sion H. Rogers
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
Wilson Shannon
George A. Simmons
Charles Skelton
William Smith
Richard H. Stanton
Andrew Stuart
Nathaniel G. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
Andrew Tracy
Charles W. Upham
Mike Walsh
Israel Washburn, jr.
John Wheeler
Daniel B. Wright.

So the House refused to suspend the rules.

On motion of Mr. Eastman, the rules having been suspended for that purpose, the Committee on Public Lands were discharged from the further consideration of the resolution of the Senate (No. 43) "explanatory of an act passed August 3, 1854," and the House proceeded to its consideration.

Ordered, That the said resolution be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on its passage,

Mr. Eastman moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered and put, viz: Shall the said resolution pass?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas 91
Nays 42

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen	Mr. John R. Franklin	Mr. Mordecai Oliver
William Appleton	Joshua R. Giddings	Samuel W. Parker
Thomas H. Bayly	John Z. Goodrich	Alex. C. M. Pennington
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.	Frederick W. Green	Benjamin Pringle
Nathan Belcher	Alfred B. Greenwood	William A. Richardson
Samuel P. Benson	Ben Edwards Grey	Samuel L. Russell
Thomas H. Benton	John Scott Harrison	Russell Sage
Lewis D. Campbell	Solomon G. Haven	William R. Sapp
Davis Carpenter	Bernhart Henn	James L. Seward
Samuel Caruthers	Isaac E. Hiester	George A. Simmons
Joseph R. Chandler	Thomas M. Howe	Otho R. Singleton
Samuel Clark	Charles Hughes	Frederick P. Stanton
John P. Cook	Theodore G. Hunt	Richard H. Stanton
Moses B. Corwin	Harvey H. Johnson	Hester L. Stevens
Samuel L. Crocker	Daniel T. Jones	Andrew Stuart
William Cullom	Roland Jones	David Stuart
Francis B. Cutting	James Knox	John L. Taylor
Thomas Davis	William H. Kurtz	Nathaniel G. Taylor
John L. Dawson	James J. Lindley	Isaac Teller
Alexander De Witt	John McCulloch	Benjamin B. Thurston
Edward Dickinson	John B. Macy	Charles W. Upham
David T. Disney	Orasmus B. Matteson	Edward Wade
William Dunbar	Augustus E. Maxwell	Ellihu B. Washburne
Cyrus L. Dunham	James Meacham	Israel Washburn, jr.
Ben C. Eastman	Ner Middleswarth	Daniel Wells, jr.
J. Wiley Edmunds	Edwin B. Morgan	John Wentworth
Thomas D. Elliot	David A. Noble	Tappan Wentworth
Emerson Etheridge	Jesse O. Norton	Theodoric R. Westbrook
E. Wilder Farley	Edson B. Olds	John Wheeler
Thomas T. Flagler	Andrew Oliver	Hendrick B. Wright.
Thomas B. Florence		

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William S. Ashe	Mr. Aaron Harlan	Mr. William Murray
William S. Barry	Sampson W. Harris	Asa Packer
Samuel A. Bridges	George Hastings	Jared V. Peck
John S. Caskie	Thomas A. Hendricks	Bishop Perkins
Elijah W. Chastain	Harry Hibbard	John Robbins, jr.
Williamson R. W. Cobb	George S. Houston	Thomas Ruffin
Leander M. Cox	George W. Jones	Henry M. Shaw
Burton Craigie	Lawrence M. Keitt	Jacob Shower
John G. Davis	John Letcher	Charles Skelton
James F. Dowdell	Samuel Lilly	Christian M. Straub
Henry A. Edmundson	William D. Lindsey	Michael C. Trout
Thomas J. D. Fuller	James Maurice	Mike Walsh
William D. Goode	Smith Miller	Daniel B. Wright
Galusha A. Grow	John S. Millson	Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the said resolution was passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a resolution suspending the 17th joint rule of the two houses for the remainder of the session.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did, on the 2d instant, approve and sign bills of the following titles,
viz :

S. 560. An act to amend "An act to carry into effect a treaty be-

tween the United States and Great Britain," signed on the 5th of June, 1854, and approved August 5, 1854 ;

S. 677. An act for the relief of Mrs. J. Josephine McClellan ;

S. 430. An act for the relief of Henry S. Sanford ;

S. 395. An act for the relief of Peter Amey, (colored man ;)

S. 192. An act for the relief of Amos Knapp ;

S. 521. An act for the relief of Parmelia Slavin, late the wife of John Blue ; and

S. 552. An act for the relief of George W. Torrence.

The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 569) entitled "An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending June 30, 1855, and for other purposes," with sundry amendments, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones, the resolution of the Senate suspending the 17th joint rule of the two houses was taken up and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Appleton, by unanimous consent, submitted the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the usual extra compensation be paid to the pages, folders, and such other employés who have heretofore received the same—including the watchmen employed upon the extension of the Capitol who have not received the same—and who have not, and shall not hereafter receive the benefit of the joint resolution approved July 20, 1854.

Pending which,

Mr. Green moved to amend the same by adding thereto the following, viz :

"And that J. M. D. France, who has been acting as page on the floor of the House of Representatives during the present session, since the 5th of December last, be paid the same amount of compensation as shall be paid to the other pages during the same time."

Pending which,

Mr. Campbell moved to amend the said amendment by adding thereto the following viz :

"And that the Clerk of the House pay to the widow of Charles W. Stewart, late assistant doorkeeper, the salary of said office from the day of his death to the end of the present session."

Pending which,

Mr. Appleton moved the previous question ; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said amendment to the amendment was agreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the said amendment as amended was agreed to.

The question was then put, Will the House agree to the said resolution as amended ?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

So the resolution as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Green moved that the vote by which the resolution was agreed

to be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table ; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Pennington moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to move that the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 530) entitled "An act for continuing the improvements in the harbor of Newark, New Jersey."

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 84
Nays..... 43

Two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Appleton
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas H. Benton
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
Samuel Clark
John P. Cook
Leander M. Cox
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Francis B. Cutting
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
J. Wiley Edmonds
Thomas D. Eliot
Emerson Etheridge
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
John R. Franklin

Mr. Joshua R. Giddings
John Z. Goodrich
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
John Scott Harrison
Solomon G. Haven
Bernhart Henn
Isaac E. Hiester
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Roland Jones
James Knox
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindsey
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Philip Phillips
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle

Mr. William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
John Robbins, jr.
Sion H. Rogers
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
George A. Simmons
Charles Skelton
Frederick P. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
David Stuart
John L. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
Elihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler
Felix K. Zullicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Thomas H. Bayly
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Thomas S. Bocoek
William W. Boyce
John S. Caskie
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Burton Craigie
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
David T. Disney
Augustus Drum
Cyrus L. Dunham
Norman Eddy

Andrew Ellison
William O. Goode
Ben Edwards Grey
Aaron Harlan
Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Daniel T. Jones
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
Milton S. Latham
John Letcher
Samuel Lilly
John McCulloch

Mr. John McQueen
Augustus E. Maxwell
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
William Murray
Edson B. Olds
Andrew Oliver
Asa Packer
Thomas Ruffin
William Smith
Richard H. Stanton
John J. Taylor
Michael C. Trout
Mike Walsh.

So the House refused to suspend the rules.

On motion of Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the bill of the House (No. 569) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856, and for other purposes, with the amendments of the Senate thereto, be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 579) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending 30th June, 1856, with sundry amendments, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have also passed, without amendment, bills and a joint resolution of this House of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 668. An act for the relief of Paul S. Ridgway, of Ohio ;

H. R. 794. An act to establish Columbus, in the State of Mississippi, Chattanooga, in the State of Tennessee, and Hickman, in the State of Kentucky, ports of delivery ;

H. R. 621. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of William A. Christian ;

H. R. 665. An act extending the provisions of the act of August 4, 1852, entitled " An act to grant the right of way to all rail and plank roads and Macadamized turnpikes passing through the public lands belonging to the United States," to the public lands in the Territories of the United States ; and

H. Res. 24. Joint resolution for the final adjustment of the account of John D. Colmesnil.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Houston moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 110
Nays..... 23

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
William Appleton
William S. Ashe
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William S. Barry
Nathan Belcher
Peter H. Bell
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
Francis M. Bristow
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Elijah W. Chaastain
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Moses B. Corwin
Samuel L. Crocker
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
Alexander De Witt
David T. Disney

Mr. Augustus Drum
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
J. Wiley Edmands
Henry A. Edmundson
Andrew Ellison
Emerson Etheridge
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
Joshua R. Giddings
William O. Goode
John Z. Goodrich
Alfred B. Greenwood
Sampson W. Harris
Wiley P. Harris
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard

Mr. Clement S. Hill
George S. Houston
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
Roland Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindaley
John McCulloch
James A. McDougall
John McQueen
John B. Macy
Henry May

Mr. Ner Middleswarth
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
George W. Morrison
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Edson B. Olds
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker
Rufus W. Peckham
Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell

Mr. Richard C. Puryear
Charles Ready
William A. Richardson
John Robbins, jr.
Sion H. Rogers
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Origen S. Seymour
Jacob Shower
Otho R. Singleton
Charles Skelton
William Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hester L. Stevens

Mr. Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
John J. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Michael C. Trout
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
William A. Walker
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
Theodor R. Westbrook
William H. Witte.
Daniel B. Wright
Hendrick B. Wright
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Samuel P. Benson
Lewis D. Campbell
John P. Cook
William Cullom
Edward Dickinson
Thomas D. Eliot
John R. Franklin
Ben Edwards Grey

Mr. Theodore G. Hunt
James Knox
Orsamus B. Matteson
Samuel Mayall
Edwin B. Morgan
Alex. C. M. Pennington
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle

Mr. David A. Reese
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
Ellihu B. Waasburne
John Wentworth
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler.

So the motion was agreed to.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hibbard reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 569) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate request the return of the bill of the House (No. 579) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June 30, 1856, with the amendments of the Senate thereto.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones,

Ordered, That the said bill of the House (No. 579) with the amendments of the Senate thereto, be returned to the Senate, as requested by that body.

Mr. George W. Jones submitted the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the amendments of the Senate to the civil and diplomatic appropriation bill shall cease in five minutes after their consideration is resumed, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same; and shall then report them to the House with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

The same having been read,

Mr. George W. Jones moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Chandler, by unanimous consent, from the select committee appointed at the last session on the subject of the investment of the funds of the Smithsonian Institution, submitted a report; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 665. An act extending the provisions of the act of August 4, 1852, entitled "An act to grant the right of way to all rail and plank roads and Macadamized turnpikes passing through the public lands of the United States," to the public lands in the Territories of the United States;

H. Res. 24. Joint resolution for the final adjustment of the account of John D. Colmesnil;

H. R. 668. An act for the relief of Paul S. Ridgway, of Ohio;

H. R. 621. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of William A. Christian;

H. R. 794. An act to establish Columbus, in the State of Mississippi, Chattanooga, in the State of Tennessee, and Hickman, in the State of Kentucky, ports of delivery;

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hubbard reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House No. 569, (civil and diplomatic) had come to no resolution thereon.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed, without amendment, bills and joint resolutions of this House of the following titles, viz:

H. Res. 41. Joint resolution for the relief of John Dugan;

H. Res. 45. Joint resolution for the relief of James Hughes;

H. R. 103. An act for the relief of Ferdinand Clark;

H. R. 240. An act for the relief of Thomas S. J. Johnson, of the Territory of New Mexico;

H. R. 388. An act for the relief of Titian R. Peale;

H. R. 526. An act for the relief of Jephtha L. Heminger;

H. R. 470. An act for the relief of the heirs of Lieutenant Andrew Finly;

H. Res. 54. Joint resolution for the relief of Joel Henry Dyer;

H. R. 363. An act for the relief of the heirs of Thomas Park, deceased;

H. Res. 44. Joint resolution to pay the pension due James Capen to his administrator; and

H. R. 580. An act making appropriations for fortifications and other

works of defence, and for repairs of barracks and quarters for the year ending 30th of June, 1856.

The Senate have also passed a bill of this House of the following title, viz:

H. R. 579. An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856—

with sundry amendments, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills and resolutions of the following titles, viz:

S. Res. 48. A resolution explanatory of an act passed August 3, 1854.

S. 498. An act making appropriations for deepening the channel over the St. Clair flats, and for deepening the channel over the flats of the St. Mary's river, in the State of Michigan.

S. Res. 10. A resolution explanatory of an act entitled "An act for the relief of Abigail Stafford."

S. 590. An act for the relief of Franklin Chase.

S. 549. An act to appropriate money to remove the obstructions in the Savannah river, below the city of Savannah, in the State of Georgia.

H. R. 794. An act to establish Columbus, in the State of Mississippi, Chattanooga, in the State of Tennessee, and Hickman, in the State of Kentucky, ports of delivery.

H. R. 621. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of William A. Christian.

H. Res. 24. Joint resolution for the final adjustment of the account of John D. Colmesnil.

H. R. 668. An act for the relief of Paul S. Ridgway, of Ohio.

H. R. 665. An act extending the provisions of the act of August 4, 1852, entitled "An act to grant the right of way to all rail and plank roads and Macadamized turnpikes passing through the public lands of the United States," to the public lands in the Territories of the United States.

Mr. Phelps, from the second committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the House (No. 562) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending June 30, 1856, reported:

"That the Senate recede from their 17th and 20th amendments disagreed to by the House.

"That the House recede from their disagreement to the 6th, 14th, and 15th amendments of the Senate.

"That the House agree to the 13th amendment of the Senate, with the following amendment:

"In line 5 strike out all after the word 'hereby,' and add 'abolished,' and the following: 'Provided, That it shall be lawful for the President of the United States to appoint, during the recess of Congress, such of the commissioned officers authorized by this act, below the grade of

field-officer, as may not be appointed during the present session, whose commissions shall expire on the 1st day of May, 1856.'

"JOHN B. WELLER,

"J. A. BAYARD,

"WM. C. DAWSON,

"Managers on the part of the Senate.

"JOHN S. PHELPS,

"ALFRED P. EDGERTON,

"SAM. H. WALLY,

"Managers on the part of the House of Representatives."

The same having been read,

Mr. Phelps moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said report was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Phelps moved that the vote by which the said report was agreed to be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled, bills and joint resolutions of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 580. An act making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defence, and for repairs of barracks and quarters, for the year ending June 30, 1855;

H. R. 103. An act for the relief of Ferdinand Clark;

H. R. 240. An act for the relief of Thomas S. J. Johnson, of the Territory of New Mexico;

H. R. 363. And act for the relief of the heirs of Thomas Park, deceased;

H. R. 388. An act for the relief of Titian R. Peale;

H. R. 470. An act for the relief of the heirs of Lieutenant Andrew Finly;

H. R. 526. An act for the relief of Jephtha L. Heminger;

H. Res. 54. Joint resolution for the relief of Joel Henry Dyer;

H. Res. 41. Joint resolution for the relief of John Dugan;

H. Res. 44. Joint resolution to pay the pension due James Capen to his administrator; and

H. Res. 45. Joint resolution for the relief of James Hughes;

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickens, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the report of the second committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the House (No. 562) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending June 30, 1856.

And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary, notifying the House that he did this day approve and sign bills and joint resolutions of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 790. An act to carry into effect the convention upon the subject of claims between the United States and her Britannic Majesty, of the 8th of February, 1853.

H. Res. 62. Joint resolution for the relief of Clark Mills.

H. R. 668. An act for the relief of Paul S. Ridgeway, of Ohio.

H. Res. 24. Joint resolution for the final settlement of the account of John D. Colmesnil.

H. R. 621. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of William A. Christian.

H. R. 794. An act to establish Columbus, in the State of Mississippi, Chattanooga, in the State of Tennessee, and Hickman, in the State of Kentucky, ports of delivery.

H. R. 750. An act to amend an act approved the 4th of August, 1854, entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators."

H. R. 752. An act to regulate the carriage of passengers in steamships and other vessels.

H. R. 561. An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856.

H. R. 520. An act for the relief of James Houston.

H. R. 650. An act allowing the further time of two years to those holding lands by entries in the Virginia military district in Ohio, which were made prior to the 1st January, 1852, to have the same surveyed and patented.

H. R. 555. An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1856, and for other purposes.

H. R. 697. An act for the relief of the widow of W. Irving, deceased.

H. R. 857. An act to provide accommodations for the United States courts in the city of Jackson, Mississippi.

H. R. 856. And act to establish certain post-roads.

H. R. 9. An act for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands.

H. R. 665. An act extending the provisions of the act of August 4, 1852, entitled "An act to grant the right of way to all rail and plank roads, and Macadamized turnpikes, passing through the public lands belonging to the United States," to the public lands in the Territories of the United States.

And that, on the 1st instant, he approved and signed a bill of the following title, viz:

H. R. 353. An act to remodel the diplomatic and consular systems of the United States.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the House (No. 594) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1856, reported:

"That the Senate recede from their disagreement to the House amendment of the 3d amendment of the Senate.

"That the Senate recede from their disagreement, and agree to the House amendment to the 4th amendment of the Senate.

"That the Senate recede from their disagreement, and agree to the House amendment to the 6th Senate amendment.

"That the Senate recede from their disagreement, and agree to the amendment of the House to the 10th amendment of the Senate.

"That the House recede from its disagreement to the 7th amendment of the Senate.

"That the Senate recede from their disagreement to the House amendment of the 11th amendment of the Senate.

"THOMAS J. RUSK,
"RICHARD BRODHEAD,
"J. P. BENJAMIN,

"Managers on the part of the Senate."

"GEORGE S. HOUSTON,
"JOHN L. DAWSON,
"CHARLES READY,

"Managers on the part of the House of Representatives."

The same having been read,

Mr. Dawson moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said report was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dawson moved that the vote by which the said report was agreed to be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Cumming, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Eli Darling.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickens, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the House (No. 594) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1856.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills and joint resolutions of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 240. An act for the relief of Thomas S. J. Johnson, of the Territory of New Mexico.

H. R. 363. An act for the relief of the heirs of Thomas Park, deceased.

H. R. 388. An act for the relief of Titian R. Peale.

H. R. 470. An act for the relief of the heirs of Lieutenant Andrew Finly.

H. R. 526. An act for the relief of Jephtha L. Heminger.

H. R. 54. Joint resolution for the relief of Joel Henry Dyer.

H. R. 41. Joint resolution for the relief of John Dugan.

H. R. 580. An act making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defence, and for repairs of barracks and quarters.

H. Res. 44. Joint resolution to pay the pension due James Capen to his administrator.

H. Res. 45. Joint resolution for the relief of James Hughes.

H. R. 103. An act for the relief of Ferdinand Clark.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary, notifying the House that he did this day approve and sign the said last named bills and joint resolutions, viz:

H. R. 580, 526, 470, 388, 363, 240, and 103, and H. Res. 41, 44, 45, and 54.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did this day approve and sign bills and joint resolutions of the following titles, viz:

S. 621. An act to change the boundaries of the land districts in the State of Iowa, and for other purposes.

S. 590. An act for the relief of Franklin Chase.

S. 445. An act for the relief of Madalena Van Ness, widow of Cornelius Van Ness, deceased.

S. 511. An act in addition to certain acts granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States.

S. 549. An act to appropriate money to remove the obstructions in the Savannah river below the city of Savannah, in the State of Georgia.

S. 603. An act for the relief of Mrs. Nancy Weatherford, widow of Colonel William Weatherford, of the 1st regiment of Illinois volunteers in the Mexican war.

S. Res. 10. A resolution explanatory of an act entitled "An act for the relief of Abigail Stafford."

S. Res. 48. A resolution explanatory of an act passed August 3, 1854.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hibbard reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House No. 569, (civil and diplomatic,) had come to no resolution thereon.

On motion of Mr. Sapp, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That leave be granted for the withdrawal from the files of the House of the papers in the case of Thomas Phoenix, jr., for the purpose of reference to the court of claims.

The said papers were thereupon banded to Mr. Sapp.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones, (two-thirds voting in favor thereof,)

Ordered, That the rule authorizing five minutes' debate be suspended so far as relates to the amendments of the Senate to the civil and diplomatic appropriation bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 755. An act to organize an institution for the insane of the army and navy and of the District of Columbia in the said District;

H. R. 855. An act to continue the pension of Frances E. Baden;

H. R. 681. An act to provide for the erection of public buildings in the Territory of Nebraska ;

H. R. 605. An act for the relief of Thomas C. Ramsey and Ananias O. Richardson, and James McLaughlin ;

H. Res. 42. Joint resolution for the relief of George W. McCerren ;

H. R. 409. An act for the relief of Stephen Lutz, of New York ;

H. R. 669. An act granting a pension to Joseph McCormick ; and

H. R. 605. An act to provide for the erection of public buildings in the Territory of Kansas—
severally without amendment.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 594. An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1856.

H. R. 562. An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856, and for other purposes.

H. R. 755. An act to organize an institution for the insane of the army and navy and of the District of Columbia in the said District.

H. R. 855. An act to continue the pension of Frances E. Baden.

H. R. 669. An act granting a pension to Joseph McCormick.

H. Res. 42. Joint resolution for the relief of George W. McCerren.

H. R. 681. An act to provide for the erection of public buildings in the Territory of Nebraska.

H. R. 627. An act for the relief of Thomas C. Ramsey and Ananias O. Richardson, and James McLaughlin.

H. R. 409. An act for the relief of Stephen Lutz, of New York.

H. R. 605. An act to provide for the erection of public buildings in the Territory of Kansas.

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed bills and a joint resolution of this House of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 690. An act for the construction of certain military roads in the Territory of Kansas ;

H. Res. 22. Joint resolution making an appropriation for the purchase of territorial libraries ;

H. R. 492. An act for the relief of L. P. Lyon and Dean S. Howard, of the State of New York ;

H. R. 773. An act for the relief of Jesse French, of Braintree, Massachusetts—

severally without amendment.

The Senate have also passed bills of the following titles, viz :

S. 686. An act for the relief of Mrs. Irene G. Scarritt ; and

S. 650. An act for the relief of Catharine M. Hamer, widow of the late General Thomas L. Hamer ;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones, the House again resolved itself

into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hibbard reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 569) entitled "An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending June 30, 1856, and for other purposes," had directed him to report the same, recommending agreement to some, disagreement to others, and agreement, with amendment, to others of the said amendments.

Mr. Chandler submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That the thanks of this House are eminently due, and are hereby presented, to the Hon. Linn Boyd, for the able, impartial, and dignified manner in which he has discharged the duties of Speaker during the present Congress.

The Speaker having stated the question to be on agreeing to the amendments of the Senate to the civil and diplomatic appropriation bill, (H. R. 569,) with the amendments reported to the same from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union,

Mr. Houston moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered to be put.

When,

The 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 11th, 12th, and 13th amendments were then severally read and agreed to.

The amendments reported to the 14th, 136th, and 143d amendments of the Senate were agreed to, and then the said amendments as amended were agreed to.

The 7th and 10th amendments were severally read and disagreed to.

Pending the question on the remaining amendments,

On motion of Mr. Breckinridge, the vote by which the main question was ordered was reconsidered.

Mr. Breckinridge, the rules having been suspended for that purpose, moved that the House agree to the report of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, recommending the rejection of the following amendments of the Senate, viz: Nos. 21, 24, 25, 29, 30, 32, 35, 37, 41, 43, 46, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 66, 69, 71, 74, 77, 78, 79, 84, 86, 87, 88, 89, 91, 94, 96, 102, 103, 104, 105, 107, 109, 110, 111, 112, 116, 119, 121, 122, 124, 126, 128, 133, 137, 138, and 141.

Pending which,

Mr. Breckinridge moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said motion was agreed to.

So the said amendments were disagreed to.

Mr. Breckinridge moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

Pending the question on agreeing to the remaining amendments of the Senate,

Mr. Dawson moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him

to move that the vote be taken *en masse* upon the remaining amendments of the Senate.

The Speaker (Mr. Haven in the chair) decided that the previous question was still operating, and that therefore the motion to suspend the rules was not in order.

From this decision of the Chair Mr. Clingman appealed.

And the question being put, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

It was decided in the affirmative.

So the said motion was ruled to be out of order.

By unanimous consent, the question was then put, Will the House agree to the report of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on all of the remaining amendments of the Senate, except the 9th, 20th, 31st, 72d, and 149th?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

So the 67th, 14th, and 143d amendments of the Senate were severally amended, and, as amended, agreed to. And the following amendments of the Senate were severally agreed to without amendment, viz: Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 36, 38, 39, 40, 42, 44, 45, 49, 56, 62, 63, 64, 65, 68, 70, 73, 75, 76, 80, 81, 82, 83, 85, 90, 92, 93, 95, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 106, 108, 113, 114, 115, 117, 118, 120, 123, 125, 127, 130, 131, 132, 134, 135, 139, 140, 142, 144, 145, 146, 147, and 148.

Mr. Orr moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

The 20th amendment was then read as follows, viz: insert: "*And the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to pay, out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated, to Robert C. Schenck, of Ohio, for his full compensation while employed as envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States on special mission to the Oriental republic of Uruguay, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-two, the sum of nine thousand dollars; and for his full compensation as envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States on special mission to the Argentine Confederation, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-three, the sum of nine thousand dollars, such payment to be in lieu of the per diem compensation provided for said Robert C. Schenck in the 'act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government,' approved August fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.*"

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative.

So the said amendment was agreed to.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the vote by which the said amendment was agreed to be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

The 31st amendment was then read as follows, viz: insert, "*For continuing the work on the Washington aqueduct, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.*"

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 83
Nays..... 77

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Appleton	Mr. E. Wilder Farley	Mr. Asa Packer
Edward Bull	Charles J. Faulkner	Rufus W. Peckham
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.	Thomas B. Florence	Alex. C. M. Pennington
William Barksdale	John R. Franklin	John Perkins, jr.
Peter H. Bell	William O. Goode	William Preston
Samuel P. Benson	John Z. Goodrich	George Read Riddle
John C. Breckinridge	Henry C. Goodwin	John Robbins, jr.
Robert M. Bugg	William T. Hamilton	Sion H. Rogers
Lewis D. Campbell	Andrew J. Harlan	Samuel L. Russell
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain	Wiley P. Harris	Alvah Sabin
Joseph R. Chandler	John Scott Harrison	James L. Seward
Samuel Clark	George Hastings	William Smith
Thomas L. Clingman	Clement S. Hill	William R. Smith
John P. Cook	Thomas M. Howe	Hester L. Stevens
Burton Craige	Charles Hughes	David Stuart
Samuel L. Crocker	Theodore G. Hunt	John J. Taylor
William Cullom	Lawrence M. Keitt	Isaac Teller
Carlton B. Curtis	John Kerr	Benjamin B. Thurston
Francis B. Cutting	William H. Kurtz	William M. Tweed
John L. Dawson	Caleb Lyon	Charles W. Upham
Alexander De Witt	Moses Macdonald	Joshua Vansant
Edward Dickinson	James A. McDougall	Hiram Walbridge
William Dunbar	John B. Macy	William A. Walker
Ben C. Eastman	Orsamus B. Matteson	Samuel H. Walley
Norman Eddy	Augustus E. Maxwell	John Wentworth
Henry A. Edmundson	Henry May	Tappan Wentworth
Thomas D. Elliot	David A. Noble	Theodoric R. Westbrook.
William Everhart	Jesse O. Norton	

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken	Mr. Bernhart Henn	Mr. Samuel W. Parker
James C. Allen	Harry Hibbard	Jared V. Peck
Willie Allen	Isaac E. Hiester	John S. Phelps
Nathan Belcher	George S. Houston	Paulus Powell
Thomas S. Bocock	Harvey H. Johnson	James T. Pratt
William W. Boyce	Daniel T. Jones	Benjamin Pringle
Samuel A. Bridges	George W. Jones	Richard C. Puryear
Preston S. Brooks	James Knox	William A. Richardson
Davis Carpenter	Alfred W. Lamb	Thomas Ritchey
John S. Caskie	John Letcher	Thomas Ruffin
Williamson R. W. Cobb	Charles S. Lewis	Russell Sage
James F. Dowdell	Samuel Lilly	William R. Sapp
Cyrus L. Dunham	William D. Lindsley	Henry M. Shaw
Alfred P. Edgerton	John McCulloch	George A. Simmons
J. Wiley Edmands	John McNair	Charles Skelton
William H. English	John McQueen	Nathan T. Stratton
Thomas T. Flagler	James Maurice	Christian M. Straub
Thomas J. D. Fuller	Ner Middleswarth	Andrew Stuart
James Gamble	Smith Miller	Michael C. Trout
Joshua K. Giddings	John S. Millson	Edward Wade
Frederick W. Green	Edwin B. Morgan	Mike Walsh
Alfred B. Greenwood	William Murray	Elihu B. Washburne
Aaron Harlan	Matthias H. Nichols	Daniel Wells, jr.
Sampson W. Harris	Andrew Oliver	William H. Witte
Solomon G. Haven	Mordecai Oliver	Hendrick B. Wright.
Thomas A. Hendricks	James L. Orr	

So the said amendment was agreed to.

The 9th amendment of the Senate was then read as follows, viz:

On page 49, lines 18 and 19 (engrossed bill,) strike out "forty-one,"
and insert "sixty-three." Line 19, after the word "dollars," insert the

following: "*And from and after the passage of this act, the annual salaries of the several justices of the Supreme Court of the United States shall be as follows, to wit:*

"Of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, seven thousand five hundred dollars.

"Of the associate justices of the Supreme Court, seven thousand dollars each. And hereafter the messengers attending the Supreme Court be allowed the sum of three dollars per day each during their attendance, commencing with the present term of the court, and that the marshal of the District of Columbia pay the same out of any moneys of the United States in his hands."

The amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to the said amendment was then read as follows, viz:

"Strike out 'sixty-three,' and insert in lieu thereof '*fifty-four*;' and insert after 'thousand,' the words '*five hundred*.'"

"Strike out 'seven thousand five hundred,' and insert '*six thousand five hundred*;' and strike out 'seven thousand,' and insert '*six thousand*.'"

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said amendment to the amendment?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 111
Nays..... 37

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
David J. Bailey
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barkedale
Nathan Belcher
Peter H. Bell
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas S. Bocoock
William W. Boyce
Samuel A. Bridges
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
John S. Caskie
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John P. Cook
Burton Craigm
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis
John G. Davie
Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
James F. Dowdell
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
J. Wiley Edwards
Henry A. Edmundson

Mr. Thomas D. Eliot
William H. English
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
Joshua R. Giddings
William O. Goode
Alfred B. Greenwood
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan
Andrew J. Harlan
Wiley P. Harris
John Scott Harrison
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles Hughes
George W. Jones
John Kerr
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindsley
John McCulloch
John McQueen
Orsamus B. Matteson

Mr. Augustus E. Maxwell
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
Mordecai Oliver
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker
John S. Phelps
Paulus Powell
James T. Pratt
Benjamin Pringle
Richard C. Puryear
George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
John Robbins, jr.
Sion H. Rogers
Thomas Ruffin
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
Henry M. Shaw
George A. Simmons
Charles Skelton
Richard H. Stanton
Nathan T. Stratton
Andrew Stuart
John J. Taylor
Benjamin B. Thurston
Michael C. Trout

Mr. Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade

Mr. William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Mike Walsh

Mr. Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Hendrick B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Appleton
John C. Breckinridge
Preston S. Brooks
Joseph R. Chandler
Samuel L. Crocker
Francis B. Cutting
John L. Dawson
Emerson Etheridge
Charles J. Faulkner
John R. Franklin
Frederick W. Green
Thomas M. Howe
Theodore G. Hunt

Mr. Daniel T. Jones
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
John McNair
John B. Macy
James Maurice
Henry May
Ner Middleswarth
Andrew Oliver
James L. Orr
Alex. C. M. Pennington
John Perkins, jr.

Mr. Philip Phillips
William A. Richardson
James L. Seward
William Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Hester L. Stevens
Isaac Teller
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
Theodor R. Westbrook
William H. Witte.

So the said amendment to the amendment was agreed to.

The question was then put, Will the House agree to the said amendment as amended?

And it was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 101
Nays..... 48

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
William Appleton
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Bartadale
Samuel P. Benson
Thomas S. Bocock
William W. Boyce
John C. Breckinridge
Preston S. Brooks
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
Samuel Clark
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Francis B. Cutting
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
William Dunbar
Norman Eddy
J. Wiley Edmonds
Henry A. Edmundson
Thomas D. Eliot
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas B. Florence
John R. Franklin
Thomas J. D. Fuller
William O. Goode

Mr. John Z. Goodrich
Frederick W. Green
Andrew J. Harlan
Sampson W. Harris
Wiley P. Harris
John Scott Harrison
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Lawrence M. Keitt
William H. Kurtz
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
John McQueen
John B. Macy
Orasmus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Ner Middleswarth
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
David A. Noble
Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver
James L. Orr
Samuel W. Parker
Alex. C. M. Pennington
John Perkins, jr.
Philip Phillips

Mr. Paulus Powell
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
John Robbins, jr.
Sion H. Rogers
Samuel L. Russell
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
Henry M. Shaw
George A. Simmons
William Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Christian M. Straub
David Stuart
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Mike Walsh
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
Theodor R. Westbrook
John Wheeler
William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. David J. Bailey
Nathan Belcher
Samuel A. Bridges
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Burton Craige
Carlton B. Curtis
John G. Davis
Ben C. Eastman
Alfred P. Edgerton
William H. English
James Gamble
Joshua R. Giddings
Alfred B. Greenwood
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan

Mr. Bernhart Henn
Isaac E. Hiester
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
James Knox
John Letcher
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindaley
Smith Miller
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
Edson B. Olds
Asa Packer
Jared V. Peck

Mr. Bishop Perkins
Richard C. Puryear
Thomas Ritchie
Peter Rowe
Thomas Ruffin
Alvah Sabin
Charles Skelton
Hester L. Stevens
Nathan T. Stratton
Andrew Stuart
John J. Taylor
Michael C. Trout
Edward Wade
Daniel Wells, jr.
John Wentworth
Hendrick B. Wright.

So the said amendment as amended was agreed to.

The amendment reported to the 72d amendment was then read and disagreed to, and the said amendment agreed to without amendment.

The 149th amendment of the Senate was then read as follows, viz :
Strike out of the bill the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th sections, (tariff amendment inserted in the bill February 24.)

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto ?

It was decided in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	85
	{ Nays	80

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. James C. Allen
Willis Allen
Edward Ball
Nathan Belcher
Samuel P. Benson
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Joseph R. Chandler
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis
Thomas Davis
John L. Dawson
William Dunbar
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
John R. Franklin
James Gamble
Joshua R. Giddings
Henry C. Goodwin
Aaron Harlan
Wiley P. Harris
John Scott Harrison
Solomon G. Haven
Thomas A. Hendricks

Mr. Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
Harvey H. Johnson
John Kerr
James Knox
William H. Kurtz
Samuel Lilly
Caleb Lyon
John McCulloch
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
John McNair
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
James Meacham
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker
Alex. C. M. Pennington
William Preston
Benjamin Pringle

Mr. Richard C. Puryear
George Read Riddle
David Ritchie
John Robbins, jr.
Peter Rowe
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
James L. Seward
George A. Simmons
Charles Skelton
Nathan T. Stratton
Christian M. Straub
John J. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Joshua Vansant
Edward Wade
William A. Walker
Elihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler
William H. Witte
Hendrick B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Aiken	Mr. William H. English	Mr. Matthias H. Nichols
William Appleton	Thomas J. D. Fuller	David A. Noble
David J. Bailey	William O. Goode	Edson B. Olds
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.	John Z. Goodrich	James L. Orr
William Barksdale	Frederick W. Green	Jared V. Peck
Thomas S. Bocock	Alfred B. Greenwood	Bishop Perkins
William W. Boyce	William T. Hamilton	John Perkins, jr.
John C. Breckinridge	Andrew J. Harlan	John S. Phelps
Samuel A. Bridges	Sampson W. Harris	Philip Phillips
Preston S. Brooks	George Hastings	Paulus Powell
John S. Caskie	Bernhart Henn	Thomas Ritchey
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain	Harry Hibbard	Sion H. Rogers
Samuel Clark	George S. Houston	Thomas Ruffin
Thomas L. Clingman	Daniel T. Jones	Henry M. Shaw
Williamson R. W. Cobb	George W. Jones	William E. Smith
Burton Craige	Lawrence M. Keitt	Frederick P. Stanton
Francis B. Cutting	Alfred W. Lamb	Richard H. Stanton
John G. Davis	John Letcher	Hector L. Stevens
Alexander De Witt	Charles S. Lewis	Andrew Stuart
Edward Dickinson	William D. Lindsey	Charles W. Upham
Cyrus L. Dunham	John McQueen	Hiram Walbridge
Ben C. Eastman	John B. Macy	Samuel H. Walley
Norman Eddy	Augustus E. Maxwell	Mike Walsh
Alfred P. Edgerton	Henry May	Daniel Wells, jr.
J. Wiley Edmonds	Smith Miller	John Wentworth
Henry A. Edmundson	John S. Millson	Theodoric R. Westbrook.
Thomas D. Eliot	William Murray	

So the 149th amendment was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate with the action of the House upon their said amendments.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 555. An act to continue the pension of Frances E. Baden.

H. R. 605. An act to provide for the erection of public buildings in the Territory of Kansas.

H. R. 409. An act for the relief of Stephen Lutz, of New York.

H. R. 627. An act for the relief of Thomas C. Ramsey and Ananias O. Richardson, and James McLaughlin.

H. R. 681. An act to provide for the erection of public buildings in the Territory of Nebraska.

H. Res. 42. Joint resolution for the relief of George W. McCerren.

H. R. 669. An act granting a pension to Joseph McCormick.

H. R. 755. An act to organize an institution for the insane of the army and navy, and of the District of Columbia, in the said District.

H. R. 562. An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Phelps, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the House disagree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 579) "making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June 30, 1856," and ask a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

The Speaker thereupon appointed Mr. Phelps, Mr. Upham, and Mr. Bocock, the said committee on the part of the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. May, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the House disagree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 445) "to reorganize the courts in the District of Columbia, and to reform and improve the laws thereof," and ask a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

The Speaker thereupon appointed Mr. May, Mr. Kerr, and Mr. Clark, the said committee on the part of the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Cullom moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to move that the bill of the Senate (No. 591) entitled "An act to remit or refund duties upon goods, wares, and merchandise destroyed by fire," be taken from the Speaker's table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 90
Nays 46

Two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
Edward Ball
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Nathan Belcher
Samuel P. Benson
Samuel A. Bridges
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
John P. Cook
Samuel L. Crocker
William Cullom
Carlton B. Curtis
Francis B. Cutting
Edward Dickinson
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
J. Wiley Edmonds
Thomas D. Eliot
Emerson Etheridge
William Everhart
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas T. Flagler
Thomas B. Florence
John R. Franklin
Thomas J. D. Fuller

Mr. Henry C. Goodwin
Frederick W. Green
Alfred B. Greenwood
Andrew J. Harlan
John Scott Harrison
George Hastings
Solomon G. Haven
Isaac E. Hiester
Clement S. Hill
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
John Kerr
James Knox
Caleb Lyon
John McCulloch
James A. McDougall
Fayette McMullen
John McNair
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
James Maurice
Ner Middleswarth
Edwin B. Morgan
Jesse O. Norton
Edson B. Olds
Andrew Oliver
Mordecai Oliver
Samuel W. Parker
Jared V. Peck

Mr. Alex. C. M. Pennington
Bishop Perkins
Philip Phillips
Benjamin Pringle
Thomas Ritchey
Sidn H. Rogers
Peter Rowe
Samuel L. Russell
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
George A. Simmons
William B. Smith
Richard H. Stanton
Hester L. Stevens
David Stuart
Isaac Teller
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Edward Wade
Hiram Walbridge
William A. Walker
Samuel H. Walley
Ellihu B. Washburne
Israel Washburn, jr.
Daniel Wells, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
Theodore R. Westbrook
John Wheeler
Hendrick B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. David J. Bailey
Thomas S. Bocock
John S. Caskie
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John G. Davis
John L. Dawson
Cyrus L. Dunham

Mr. Norman Eddy
Henry A. Edmundson
William H. English
Charles J. Faulkner
William O. Goode
William T. Hamilton
Aaron Harlan

Mr. Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
George S. Houston
Harvey H. Johnson
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones

Mr. Lawrence M. Keitt
 William H. Kurtz
 Alfred W. Lamb
 John Letcher
 Moses Macdonald
 Smith Miller
 John S. Millson
 William Murray
 James L. Orr

Mr. John Perkins, jr.
 John S. Phelps
 Paulus Powell
 James T. Pratt
 Richard C. Puryear
 Thomas Rufin
 Henry M. Shaw
 Jacob Shower

Mr. Charles Skelton
 William Smith
 Nathan T. Stratton
 Christian M. Straub
 Andrew Stuart
 Michael C. Trout
 Mike Walsh
 William H. Witte.

So the House refused to suspend the rules.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the extra compensation resolution passed this day be so construed as to include Samuel Johnson, one of the police of the Capitol.

Mr. Hendricks, by unanimous consent, introduced a joint resolution (H. Res. 63) "making appropriation for the payment of those entitled to the benefits of the resolution of the House of Representatives of the United States passed March 3, 1855, voting extra compensation to pages, folders, and others;" which was read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said joint resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

On motion of Mr. Olds, by unanimous consent, the bill of the House (H. R. 406) entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to reduce and modify the rates of postage in the United States, and for other purposes,' passed March 3, 1861," with the amendments of the Senate thereto, was taken up, and the said amendments severally agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. Res. 22. Joint resolution making an appropriation for the purchase of territorial libraries.

H. R. 690. An act for the construction of certain military roads in the Territory of Kansas.

H. R. 492. An act for the relief of L. R. Lyon and Dean S. Howard, of the State of New York.

H. R. 773. An act for the relief of Jesse French, of Braintree, Massachusetts.

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, the rules having been suspended for that purpose, submitted the following resolution; which was read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That all reports which any of the committees have directed to be made to the House shall be delivered to the Clerk, and they are hereby ordered to be printed; and such of them as are of a private character, together with all the bills that shall remain on the private calendar, or on the Speaker's table, at the adjournment of Congress,

are hereby referred, with the accompanying papers, to the court of claims.

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McMullen, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That copies be furnished of the papers in the case of the heirs and legal representatives of William Humphreys.

Mr. Chandler moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to move that the bill of the Senate (No. 615) entitled "An act for the construction of a harbor on the east side of Reedy island," be taken from the Speaker's table.

And the question being put, it was decided in the negative, two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Faulkner moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to move that the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 120) entitled "An act to promote the efficiency of the army by retiring disabled officers."

And the question being put, it was decided in the negative, two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

On motion of Mr. Ellihu B. Washburne, the rules having been suspended for that purpose, the bill of the Senate (No. 686) entitled "An act for the relief of Mrs. Irene G. Scarritt," was taken from the Speaker's table, and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Lilly moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to move that the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 337) entitled "An act for the relief of Eliza N. Evans."

And the question being put, it was decided in the negative, two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickens, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate insist upon their amendments, disagreed to by the House, to the bill of the House (No. 579) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June 30, 1856; agree to the conference asked for by the House on the said disagreeing votes; and have appointed Mr. Gwin, Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, and Mr. Douglas, the said committee on their part.

The Senate also insist upon their amendments, disagreed to by the House, to the bill of the House (No. 445) to reorganize the courts in the District of Columbia, and to reform and improve the laws thereof, agree to the conference asked for by the House on the said disagreeing votes, and have appointed Mr. Stuart, Mr. Badger, and Mr. Benjamin, the said committee on their part.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Westbrook moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to move that the resolution of the Senate (No. 46) requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to ascertain the value of certain powder de-

stroyed by order of Commander George N. Hollins, of the navy of the United States, and to pay the value thereof to the person to whom it belonged, be taken from the Speaker's table.

And the question being put, it was decided in the negative, two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickens, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate insist upon their amendments disagreed to by the House to the bill of the House (No. 569) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending June 30, 1856, and for other purposes; disagree to the amendments of the House to others of their said amendments; ask a conference with the House on the said disagreeing votes, and have appointed Mr. Hunter, Mr. Toucey, and Mr. Dawson the said committee on their part.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Houston, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the House insist upon their amendments disagreed to by the Senate to the amendments of the Senate to the civil and diplomatic appropriation bill, insist upon their disagreement to others of the said amendments insisted upon by the Senate, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the said disagreeing votes.

The Speaker thereupon appointed Mr. Houston, Mr. Haven, and Mr. Henn the said committee on the part of the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickens, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill of this House of the following title, viz :

H. R. 628. An act to amend an act entitled "An act for the relief of George M. Bentley, of the State of Indiana," approved August 5, 1854—without amendment.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 690. An act for the construction of certain military roads in the Territory of Kansas.

H. R. 492. An act for the relief of L. R. Lyon and Dean S. Howard, of the State of New York.

H. R. 773. An act for the relief of Jesse French, of Braintree, Massachusetts.

H. Res. 22. Joint resolution making an appropriation for the purchase of territorial libraries.

Mr. Stratton, from the same committee, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, bills of the following titles, viz :

H. R. 628. An act to amend an act entitled "An act for the relief of George M. Bentley, of the State of Indiana," approved August 5, 1854.

H. R. 406. An act further to amend the act entitled "An act to reduce and modify the rates of postages in the United States, and for other purposes," passed March 3, 1851.

S. 686. An act for the relief of Mrs. Irene G. Scarritt.

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

Mr. May, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses upon the bill of the House (No. 445) entitled "An act to reorganize the courts in the District of Columbia, and to reform and improve the laws thereof," reported :

"That the Senate recede from its amendments to the 19th section of the bill, and agree to the said section as passed by the House.

"That the House agree to the other amendments of the Senate with this amendment, to wit : to strike out the preamble and all the sections of the bill, except the said 19th section.

"That the title of the bill be amended so as to read as follows :

"*'An act to improve the laws of the District of Columbia and to codify the same.'*

"GEO. E. BADGER,

"CHAS. E. STUART,

"JOHN KERR,

"Committee on the part of the Senate.

"H. MAY,

"S. CLARK,

"Committee on the part of the House."

The same having been read,

The question was put, Will the House agree thereto ?

And it was decided in the affirmative.

So the said report was agreed to.

Mr. May moved that the vote last taken be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table ; which latter motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate with the action of the House upon the said report.

Mr. Tappan Wentworth, the rules having been suspended for that purpose, reported from the Committee on Commerce, with sundry amendments, the bill of the House (No. 613) "to prevent the introduction into the United States of foreign criminals, idiots, paupers, lunatics, and insane and blind persons."

Pending the question on agreeing to the said amendments,

Mr. Tappan Wentworth moved the previous question ; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said amendments were severally agreed to.

Under the further operation of the previous question, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

Being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

The question then being on its passage,

Mr. Tappan Wentworth moved the previous question.

And the question being put thereon, no quorum voted.

On motion of Mr. McDougall,

Ordered, That there be a call of the House.

The roll having been called, the following named members failed to answer to their names :

Willis Allen, William S. Ashe, Thomas H. Bayly, William S. Barry, Henry Bennett, Thomas H. Benton, William H. Bissell, George Bliss,

Thomas S. Bocock, William W. Boyce, Francis M. Bristow, Samuel Caruthers, George W. Chase, Elijah W. Chastain, James S. Chrisman, William M. Churchwell, Samuel Clark, Thomas L. Clingman, Alfred H. Colquit, Moses B. Corwin, Leander M. Cox, Samuel L. Crocker, Thomas W. Cumming, Thomas Davis, William B. W. Dent, John Dick, Augustus Drum, Andrew Ellison, Reuben E. Fenton, John R. Franklin, Joshua R. Giddings, Ben Edwards Grey, Galusha A. Grow, Sampson W. Harris, Wiley P. Harris, Clement S. Hill, Junius Hillyer, Colin M. Ingersoll, J. Glancy Jones, Roland Jones, John Kerr, Zedekiah Kidwell, George W. Kittredge, James H. Lane, Milton S. Latham, Charles S. Lewis, James J. Lindley, Daniel Mace, Henry May, Samuel Mayall, James Meacham, John G. Miller, George W. Morrison, Edson B. Olds, Andrew Oliver, Rufus W. Peckham, Richard C. Puryear, Charles Ready, David A. Reese, Thomas Ritchey, Origen S. Seymour, Wilson Shannon, George A. Simmons, Otho R. Singleton, Samuel A. Smith, William Smith, William R. Smith, George W. Smyth, Augustus R. Sollers, Alexander H. Stephens, John J. Taylor, John L. Taylor, Nathaniel G. Taylor, Benjamin B. Thurston, Andrew Tracy, George Vail, Edward A. Warren, Daniel B. Wright, Hendrick B. Wright, Richard Yates, Felix K. Zollicoffer.

A quorum being now present,

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Ordered, That all further proceedings in the call be dispensed with.

The question again recurring on the demand for the previous question,

Mr. Tappan Wentworth withdrew the same.

The question again recurring on the passage of the bill,

After debate,

Mr. Tappan Wentworth again moved the previous question.

Pending which,

Mr. John G. Davis moved that the bill be laid on the table.

And the question being put,

There appeared, { Yeas.....	64
{ Nays	49

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken

James C. Allen
William S. Ashe
David J. Bailey
William Barkadale
John C. Breckinridge
Preston S. Brooks
John S. Caskie
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
James S. Chrisman
John G. Davis
David T. Disney
James F. Dowdell
Cyrus L. Duham
Norman Eddy
Henry A. Edmundson
John M. Elliott
Thomas B. Florence

Mr. James Gamble

William O. Goode
Alfred B. Greenwood
William T. Hamilton
Andrew J. Harlan
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hibbard
George W. Jones
Lawrence M. Keitt
William H. Kurtz
Alfred W. Lamb
John Letcher
William D. Lindsey
Moses Macdonald
John McNair
John McQueen
John B. Macy

Mr. Augustus E. Maxwell

Smith Miller
John S. Millson
William Murray
Matthias H. Nichols
David A. Noble
Edson B. Olds
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
Philip Phillips
Paulus Powell
William A. Richardson
George Read Riddle
James L. Seward
Henry M. Shaw
Charles Skelton
Richard H. Stanton
Christian M. Straub

Mr. Andrew Stuart
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Joshua Vansant

Mr. William A. Walker
Mike Walsh
Daniel Wells, jr.

Mr. John Wentworth
Theodore R. Westbrook
William H. Witte.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William Appleton
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
Samuel P. Benson
Samuel A. Bridges
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell
Davis Carpenter
Joseph R. Chandler
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Moses B. Corwin
Alexander De Witt
Edward Dickinson
William Dunbar
Ben C. Eastman
J. Wiley Edmands
Thomas D. Eliot
William H. English

Mr. E. Wilder Farley
Thomas T. Flagler
John Z. Goodrich
Aaron Harlan
Thomas M. Howe
Charles Hughes
Theodore G. Hunt
James Knox
Caleb Lyon
James A. McDougall
Fayette McMullen
Orsamus B. Matteson
Ner Middlewarth
Edwin B. Morgan
Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver

Mr. Jared V. Peck
Alex. C. M. Pennington
Bishop Perkins
James T. Pratt
Benjamin Pringle
David Ritchie
Samuel L. Russell
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
Hector L. Stevens
Isaac Teller
Edward Wade
Samuel H. Walley
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler.

No quorum voted.

Mr. McDougall moved that there be a call of the House; which motion was disagreed to.

A quorum being now present,

The question again recurred on the motion of Mr. John G. Davis.

Pending which,

Mr. Benson moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And the question being put on the latter motion, no quorum voted.

On motion of Mr. McDougall,

Ordered, That there be a call of the House.

The roll having been called, the following named members failed to answer to their names:

James Abercrombie, Willis Allen, Thomas H. Bayly, Nathaniel P. Banks, jr., William S. Barry, Peter H. Bell, Henry Bennett, Thomas H. Benton, William H. Bissell, George Bliis, Thomas S. Bocock, William W. Boyce, Samuel A. Bridges, Samuel Caruthers, Ebenezer M. Chamberlain, George W. Chase, Elijah W. Chastain, William M. Churchwell, Thomas L. Clingman, Alfred H. Colquitt, Leander M. Cox, Burton Craige, Samuel L. Crocker, William Cullom, Thomas W. Cumming, Carlton B. Curtis, Thomas Davis, William B. W. Dent, John Dick, Augustus Drum, Andrew Ellison, William H. English, William Everhart, Charles J. Faulkner, Reuben E. Fenton, Thomas T. Flagler, John R. Franklin, Joshua R. Giddings, Ben Edwards Grey, Galusha A. Grow, Sampson W. Harris, Wiley P. Harris, John Scott Harrison, Solomon G. Haven, Bernhart Henn, Isaac E. Hiester, Clement S. Hill, Junius Hillyer, George S. Houston, Colin M. Ingersoll, Daniel T. Jones, J. Glancy Jones, Roland Jones, Zedekiah Kidwell, George W. Kittredge, Alfred W. Lamb, James H. Lane, Milton S. Latham, Charles S. Lewis, James J. Lindley, Moses Macdonald, Fayette McMullen, Daniel Mace, Samuel Mayall, James Meacham,

John G. Miller, George W. Morrison, Samuel W. Parker, Rufus W. Peckham, John Perkins, jr., John S. Phelps, Richard C. Puryear, Charles Ready, David A. Reese, William A. Richardson, David Ritchie, Thomas Ritchey, Sion H. Rogers, Peter Rowe, Alvah Sabin, Origen S. Seymour, Wilson Shannon, George A. Simmons, Otho R. Singleton, Samuel A. Smith, William Smith, William R. Smith, George W. Smyth, Augustus R. Sollers, Frederick P. Stanton, Richard H. Stanton, Alexander H. Stephens, John J. Taylor, John L. Taylor, Nathaniel G. Taylor, Benjamin B. Thurston, Andrew Tracy, Charles W. Upham, George Vail, Edward A. Warren, Richard Yates, Felix K. Zollicoffer.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Pringle, all further proceedings in the call were dispensed with.

A quorum being now present,

The question again recurred on the motion of Mr. Benson.

Pending which,

Mr. Leicher, by unanimous consent, submitted a resolution, which he subsequently modified to read as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States be, and is hereby, ordered to pay, out of the contingent fund of the House, to the two boys accompanying the mail wagons, the same compensation received by the boys performing similar duty in the Senate, commencing with the present Congress; and that the Clerk of this House be directed to pay to John Costin, a laborer employed in the office of the Clerk, \$2 per day in consideration of additional labor performed by him, commencing from the time employed, deducting therefrom the per diem already paid him.

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative.

So the said resolution, as modified, was agreed to.

The question again recurred on the motion of Mr. Benson.

And being put, no quorum voted.

On motion of Mr. Walsh,

Ordered, That there be a call of the House.

The roll having been called, the following named members failed to answer to their names:

James Abercrombie, James C. Allen, Willis Allen, William Appleton, Thomas H. Bayly, Edward Ball, William S. Barry, Peter H. Bell, Henry Bennett, Thomas H. Benton, William H. Bissell, George Bliss, Thomas S. Bocock, William W. Boyce, Samuel A. Bridges, Francis M. Bristow, Robert M. Bugg, Davis Carpenter, Samuel Caruthers, Ebenezer M. Chamberlain, George W. Chase, Elijah W. Chastain, William M. Churchwell, Thomas L. Clingman, Alfred H. Colquitt, Leander M. Cox, Samuel L. Crocker, William Cullom, Thomas W. Cumming, Thomas Davis, William B. W. Dent, Alexander De Witt, John Dick, J. Wiley Edmands, William H. English, William Everhart, Charles J. Faulkner, Reuben E. Fenton, Thomas T. Flagler, John R. Franklin, John Z. Goodrich, Henry C. Goodwin, Ben Edwards Grey, Galusha A. Grow, William T. Hamilton, Sampson W. Harris, Wiley P. Harris, John Scott Harrison, Solomon G. Haven,

Bernhart Henn, Clement S. Hill, Junius Hillyer, George S. Houston, Theodore G. Hunt, Colin M. Ingersoll, George W. Jones, J. Glancey Jones, Roland Jones, Zedekiah Kidwell, George W. Kittredge, Alfred W. Lamb, James H. Lane, Milton S. Latham, Charles S. Lewis, Samuel Lilly, James J. Lindley, Caleb Lyon, Fayette McMullen, Daniel Mace, James Maurice, Samuel Mayall, John G. Miller, Edwin B. Morgan, George W. Morrison, Matthias H. Nichols, Andrew Oliver, Mordecai Oliver, Rufus W. Peckham, Bishop Perkins, John Perkins, jr., John S. Phelps, Paulus Powell, William Preston, Richard C. Puryear, Charles Ready, David A. Reese, William A. Richardson, David Richie, Thomas Ritchey, Sion H. Rogers, Peter Rowe, Samuel L. Russell, Alvah Sabin, Russell Sage, Origen S. Seymour, Wilson Shannon, Henry M. Shaw, Jacob Shower, George A. Simmons, Otho R. Singleton, Charles Skelton, William Smith, William R. Smith, George W. Smyth, Augustus R. Sollers, Frederick P. Stanton, Richard H. Stanton, Alexander H. Stephens, Andrew Stuart, John J. Taylor, John L. Taylor, Nathaniel G. Taylor, Benjamin B. Thurston, Andrew Tracy, Michael C. Trout, Charles W. Upham, George Vail, Joshua Vansant, Hiram Walbridge, Samuel H. Walley, Edward A. Warren, Daniel Wells, jr., John Wheeler, Hendrick B. Wright, Richard Yates, Felix K. Zoll-coffer.

The doors were then closed; and,

On motion of Mr. Hendricks, the Sergeant-at-arms was directed to bring in the absentees.

After some time,

The Sergeant-at-arms brought into the House Mr. William Smith, Mr. Seymour, Mr. Bristow, Mr. Sage, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Lyon, Mr. English, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. George W. Smyth; when

The said members were excused.

Mr. Olds moved that all further proceedings in the call be dispensed with; which motion was disagreed to.

The Sergeant-at-arms then brought into the House the following other members, viz:

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, Mr. Richard H. Stanton, Mr. Grey, Mr. Drum, and Mr. James H. Lane, who were also excused.

Mr. Olds again moved that all further proceedings in the call be dispensed with; which motion was disagreed to.

The Sergeant-at-arms then brought into the House the following additional members, viz:

Mr. Gamble, Mr. David Ritchie, Mr. Lilly, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Thurston, Mr. Mayall, Mr. McMullen, Mr. Skelton, Mr. Chastain, and Mr. Hamilton, who were also excused.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Keitt, all further proceedings in the call were dispensed with.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the House (No. 445) to reorganize the courts in the District of Columbia, and to reform and improve the laws thereof.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the following title, viz :

H. R. 445. An act to improve the laws of the District of Columbia, and to codify the same.

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Phelps, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the House (No. 579) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856, reported—

“That the House recede from its disagreement to the Senate amendments as follows, viz: 1st, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 11th, (filling the blank therein with ‘*three*,’) 13th, 17th, 20th, 21st, 22d, and 23d.

“That the House agree to the Senate’s 2d amendment, with an amendment, as follows:

“In the 8th line, strike out ‘four’ and insert ‘*three*,’ and at the end of the amendment add: ‘*And provided further, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to reduce the salary to which any navy agent is entitled under existing laws.*’

“That the Senate recede from its amendments disagreed to by the House, as follows, viz: 8th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 19th, 24th, 25th, and 29th.

“That the House agree to the 26th amendment of the Senate with amendment, as follows:

“In line 2, after ‘shall,’ insert ‘*hereafter*,’ and strike out all after ‘dollars’ in the 3d line.

“That the House agree to the 28th amendment, by substituting as follows:

“*Sec. — And be it further enacted, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six:*

“*For the transportation of the mails from New York to Liverpool, and back, eight hundred and nineteen thousand five hundred dollars.*

“*For transportation of the mails from New York to New Orleans, Charleston, Savannah, Havana, and Chagres, and back, two hundred and sixty-one thousand dollars.*

“*For transportation of the mails from Panama to California and Oregon, and back, three hundred and twenty-eight thousand three hundred and fifty dollars.*

“*For carrying out the contract entered into by the Post Office Department, under the provisions of the act approved thirtieth August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, establishing a tri-monthly mail by steam-vessels between New Orleans and Vera Cruz, via Tampico, sixty-nine thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.*

“*Sec. — And be it further enacted, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated for the service of the Post Office Department, for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, out of any moneys in the treasury arising from the revenues of said*

department, in conformity to the act of the second July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six:

"For transportation of the mails, in two steamships, from New York, by Southampton, to Bremen, and back, at one hundred thousand dollars for each ship; and in two steamships from New York, by Cowes, to Harre, and back, at seventy-five thousand dollars for each ship, under the contract with the Ocean Steam Navigation Company of New York, three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

"For transportation of the mails between Charleston and Havana, a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars.

"For transportation of the mails across the Isthmus of Panama, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

"Sec. —. And be it further enacted, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, namely:

"For transportation of the mails from New York to Liverpool, and back, five hundred and fifty-nine thousand two hundred and thirty-eight dollars and sixty-five cents.

"For transportation of the mails from New York to New Orleans, Charleston, Savannah, Havana, and Chagres, and back, two hundred and two thousand three hundred and seventy-eight dollars and twenty-one cents.

"For transportation of the mails from Panama to California and Oregon, and back, two hundred and forty-nine thousand two hundred and forty-two dollars and two cents.

"Sec. —. And be it further enacted, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated for the service of the Post Office Department, for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, out of any moneys in the treasury arising from the revenues of said department, in conformity to the act of the second of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six:

"For transportation of the mails, in two steamships, from New York, by Southampton, to Bremen, and back, at one hundred thousand dollars for each ship; and in two steamships from New York, by Cowes, to Harre, and back, at seventy-five thousand dollars for each ship, under the contract with the Ocean Steam Navigation Company of New York, three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

"For transportation of the mails between Charleston and Havana, under the contract with M. C. Mordecai, fifty thousand dollars.

"For the transportation of the mails across the Isthmus of Panama, one hundred and twenty thousand dollars."

"That the House agree to that portion of the 10th amendment which provides as follows: 'removing sunk caisson.'

"The Senate recede from the remainder of said amendments, with the following amendment:

"In lieu of 'two hundred and fifty-five thousand four hundred and seventy dollars,' insert '*one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.*'"

"W. M. GWIN,

"S. A. DOUGLAS,

"*Managers on the part of the Senate.*

"JOHN S. PHELPS,

"THOS. S. BOCOCK,

"CHARLES W. UPHAM,

"*Managers on the part of the House.*"

The same having been read,

Mr. Phelps moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said report was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill and a joint resolution of this House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 483. An act for the relief of Andrew H. Patterson; and

H. Res. 63. Joint resolution making appropriation for the payment of those entitled to the benefits of the resolution of the House of Representatives of the United States, passed March 3, 1855, voting extra compensation to pages, folders, and others—
severally without amendment.

The Senate have also passed a bill of the following title, viz:

S. 694. An act to change the name of the barque "Saranac," and grant a register therefor;
in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of this House.

The Senate have receded from their 9th, 18th, and 27th amendments, and agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the remaining amendments to the bill of the House (No. 579) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June 30, 1856.

And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private secretary, notifying the House that he did this day approve and sign bills and joint resolutions of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 492. An act for the relief of L. R. Lyon and Dean S. Howard, of the State of New York;

H. R. 773. An act for the relief of Jesse French, of Braintree, Massachusetts;

H. Res. 22. Joint resolution making an appropriation for the purchase of Territorial libraries;

H. R. 690. An act for the construction of certain military roads in the Territory of Kansas;

H. R. 594. An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1856;

H. R. 562. An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856, and for other purposes;

H. Res. 42. Joint resolution for the relief of George W. McCerren;

H. R. 755. An act to organize an institution for the insane of the army and navy, and of the District of Columbia, in the said District;

H. R. 855. An act to continue the pension of Frances E. Baden;

H. R. 605. An act to provide for the erection of public buildings in the Territory of Kansas;

H. R. 409. An act for the relief of Stephen Lutz, of New York;

H. R. 627. An act for the relief of Thomas C. Ramsey and Ananias O. Richardson, and James McLaughlin;

H. R. 681. An act to provide for the erection of public buildings in the Territory of Nebraska; and

H. R. 669. An act granting a pension to Joseph McCormick.

Mr. Green, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, a bill and joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 483. An act for the relief of Andrew H. Patterson; and

H. Res. 63. Joint Resolution making appropriation for the payment of those entitled to the benefits of the resolution of the House of Representatives of the United States, passed March 3, 1855, voting extra compensation to pages, folders, and others;

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

The House having resumed the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 613) to prevent the introduction into the United States of foreign criminals, paupers, idiots, lunatics, and insane and blind persons,

The Speaker stated the question to be on the motion submitted by Mr. John G. Davis, to lay the bill on the table.

And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, {	Yeas.....	67
	Nays.....	53

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
David J. Bailey
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Thomas S. Bocock
John C. Breckenridge
John S. Caskie
Elijah W. Chastain
Samuel Clark
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
David T. Disney
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
John M. Elliott
William H. English
Thomas B. Florence
James Gamble
William O. Goode
Alfred B. Greenwood
William T. Hamilton

Mr. Andrew J. Harlan
George Hastings
Thomas A. Hendricks
Bernhart Henn
Harry Hibbard
Charles Hughes
Harvey H. Johnson
George W. Jones
William H. Kurtz
John Letcher
Samuel Lilly
William D. Lindsley
Moses Macdonald
John B. Macy
Augustus E. Maxwell
Smith Miller
John S. Millson
William Murray
David A. Noble
Edson B. Olds
Andrew Oliver
James L. Orr

Mr. Asa Packer
Philip Phillips
William A. Richardson
Peter Rowe
Thomas Ruffin
Origen S. Seymour
Wilson Shannon
Jacob Shower
Charles Skelton
Frederick P. Stanton
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Joshua Vansant
William A. Walker
Mike Walsh
Ellihu B. Washburne
Daniel Wells, jr.
Theodoric R. Westbrook
William H. Witte
Hendrick B. Wright

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William S. Ashe	Mr. Thomas J. D. Fuller	Mr. Charles Ready
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.	Joshua R. Giddings	David A. Reese
Samuel P. Benson	Henry C. Goodwin	George Read Riddle
Francis M. Bristow	Ben Edwards Grey	Samuel L. Russell
Robert M. Bugg	Aaron Harlan	William R. Sapp
Lewis D. Campbell	John Scott Harrison	Hester L. Stevens
Davis Carpenter	James Knox	Nathan T. Stratton
Joseph R. Chandler	James J. Lindley	John L. Taylor
Williamson R. W. Cobb	John McCulloch	Isaac Teller
Leander M. Cox	Orsamus B. Matteson	Benjamin B. Thurston
Francis B. Cutting	Ner Middleswarth	Andrew Tracy
Alexander De Witt	Edwin B. Morgan	Charles W. Upham
Edward Dickinson	Jesse O. Norton	Edward Wade
William Dunbar	Samuel W. Parker	Samuel H. Walley
Ben C. Eastman	Jared V. Peck	Israel Washburn, jr.
J. Wiley Edmonds	Alex. C. M. Pennington	Tappan Wentworth
Thomas D. Eliot	James T. Pratt	John Wheeler.
E. Wilder Farley	Benjamin Pringle	

So the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Houston, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the House (No. 569) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending June 30, 1856, and for other purposes, reported—

“That the Senate do concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the 9th, 14th, 136th, and 143d amendments of the Senate.

“That the House of Representatives agree to the 24th amendment of the Senate, with an amendment, as follows : Add at the end thereof, *provided that the same shall not extend to the Chaplain.*

“That the House of Representatives agree to the 71st amendment of the Senate, with an amendment, as follows : Strike out all after the word ‘which,’ on the 19th line, to the end of the section, and insert, *a sum equal to the proceeds of the sale hereinafter directed is herely appropriated.*

“That the House of Representatives do recede from its amendment to the 67th amendment of the Senate.

“That the Senate do recede from its 7th, 10th, 21st, 25th, 29th, 30th, 37th, 41st, 43d, 46th, 47th, 48th, 51st, 52d, 53d, 54th, 55th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 66th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 84th, 86th, 88th, 91st, 94th, 96th, 103d, 104th, 105th, 107th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 116th, 119th, 121st, 126th, 128th, 129th, 138th, and 141st amendments to the bill.

“And that the House of Representatives do concur in the 32d, 35th, 50th, 69th, 87th, 89th, 102d, 112th, 122d, 124th, 133d, and 137th amendments of the Senate.

“R. M. T. HUNTER,

“WM. C. DAWSON,

“I. TOUCEY,

“*Managers on the part of the Senate.*

“GEO. S. HOUSTON,

“S. G. HAVEN,

“BERNHART HENN,

“*Managers on the part of the House.*”

The same having been read,

Mr. Houston moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said report was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Houston moved that the vote by which the said report was agreed to be reconsidered, and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which latter motion was agreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the House (No. 569) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending June 30, 1856, and for other purposes.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Smith Miller moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to move that the bill of the Senate (No. 515) entitled "An act to increase the compensation of the registers and receivers of public moneys under the act entitled 'An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators,' approved August 4, 1854," be taken from the Speaker's table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 105
Nays..... 35

Two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William Appleton
David J. Bailey
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barksdale
William S. Barry
Peter H. Bell
Lewis D. Campbell
Samuel Caruthers
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Elijah W. Chastain
Samuel Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Thomas W. Cumming
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
Alexander De Witt
David T. Disney
William Dunbar
Cyrus L. Dunham
Ben C. Eastman
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
Thomas D. Elliott
John M. Elliott
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Emerson Etheridge

Mr. Thomas B. Florence
Thomas J. D. Fuller
James Gamble
John Z. Goodrich
Henry C. Goodwin
Alfred B. Greenwood
William T. Hamilton
Andrew J. Harlan
John Scott Harrison
Thomas A. Hendricks
Harry Hubbard
Clement S. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles Hughes
Harvey H. Johnson
George W. Jones
Roland Jones
John Kerr
James H. Lane
Milton S. Latham
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindsley
Caleb Lyon
Moses Macdonald
James A. McDougall
John McNair
Daniel Mace
Orsamus B. Matteson
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Samuel Mayall
Ner Middleswarth

Mr. Smith Miller
David A. Noble
Edson B. Olds
Mordecai Oliver
James L. Orr
Samuel W. Parker
Rufus W. Peckham
Alex. C. M. Pennington
John Perkins, jr.
Philip Phillips
James T. Pratt
Richard C. Puryear
David A. Reese
David Ritchie
John Robbins, jr.
Thomas Ruffin
Alvah Sabin
Russell Sage
James L. Seward
Wilson Shannon
Jacob Shower
George W. Smyth
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hester L. Stevens
Nathan T. Stratton
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
John L. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Benjamin B. Thurston
William M. Tweed

Mr. Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
William A. Walker

Mr. Samuel H. Walley
Ellihu B. Washburne
Daniel Wells, jr.

Mr. Theodorie R. Westbrook
William H. Witte
Daniel B. Wright.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Edward Ball
Samuel P. Benson
Francis M. Bristow
Davis Carpenter
John S. Caskie
Leander M. Cox
Carlton B. Curtis
E. Wilder Farley
Joshua R. Giddings
Ben Edwards Grey
Aaron Harlan
Isaac E. Hiester
Daniel T. Jones

Mr. James Knox
Charles S. Lewis
Fayette McMullen
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
William Murray
Jesse O. Norton
Andrew Oliver
Asa Packer
Jared V. Peck
Bishop Perkins
Benjamin Pringle
Charles Ready

Mr. Samuel L. Russell
William R. Sapp
Henry M. Shaw
George A. Simmons
Charles Skelton
Andrew Tracy
Michael C. Trout
Edward Wade
Mike Walsh
Israel Washburn, jr.
Tappan Wentworth
John Wheeler.

So the rules were suspended, and the said bill was taken up and read a first and second time.

Pending the question on its third reading,

Mr. Smith Miller moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the bill was ordered to be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Houston, the rules having been suspended for that purpose,

Ordered, That leave be granted to the Committee on Enrolled Bills to report without examination, for the signature of the Speaker, bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 579. An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856.

H. R. 569. An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856, and for other purposes.

And thereupon,

Mr. Green, from the said committee, reported the said bills.

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Stratton, from the same committee, reported that the committee had examined, and found truly enrolled, a bill of the following title, viz:

S. 515. An act to increase the compensation of the registers of land offices and receivers of public moneys under the act entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators," approved August 4, 1854.

When,

The Speaker signed the same.

Mr. Green, from the same committee, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 445. An act to improve the laws of the District of Columbia, and to codify the same.

H. R. 579. An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856.

H. R. 569. An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending June 30, 1856, and for other purposes.

H. R. 483. An act for the relief of Andrew H. Patterson.

H. Res. 63. Joint resolution making appropriation for the payment of those entitled to the benefits of the resolution of the House of Representatives of the United States, passed March 3, 1855, voting extra compensation to pages, folders, and others.

Mr. Lindsay moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to move that the bill of the Senate (No. 650) entitled "An act for the relief of Catharine M. Hamer, widow of the late General Thomas L. Hamer," be taken from the Speaker's table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas.....	80
{ Nays.....	39

Two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
Willis Allen
William S. Ashe
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barkdale
William S. Barry
Peter H. Bell
Preston S. Brooks
Lewis D. Campbell
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain
Joseph R. Chandler
Elijah W. Chastain
Samuel Clark
Leander M. Cox
Thomas W. Cumming
Francis B. Cutting
John G. Davis
Thomas Davis
Edward Dickinson
Norman Eddy
Alfred P. Edgerton
Henry A. Edmundson
Andrew Ellison
William H. English
Thomas B. Florence
Alfred B. Greenwood
Aaron Harlan

Mr. Andrew J. Harlan
John Scott Harrison
Thomas A. Hendricks
Clement S. Hill
Charles Hughes
John Kerr
Alfred W. Lamb
James J. Lindley
William D. Lindsley
John McCulloch
James A. McDougall
John McNair
Daniel Mace
John B. Macy
Orsamus B. Matteson
Augustus E. Maxwell
Henry May
Samuel Mayall
Ner Middleswarth
David A. Noble
Edson B. Olds
James L. Orr
Asa Packer
Samuel W. Parker
Rufus W. Peckham
James T. Pratt
Richard C. Puryear

Mr. Charles Ready
David A. Reese
John Robbins, jr.
Thomas Ruffin
Russell Sage
William R. Sapp
Wilson Shannon
Jacob Shower
George A. Simmons
William R. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard H. Stanton
Hector L. Stevens
Christian M. Straub
Andrew Stuart
John L. Taylor
Isaac Teller
Michael C. Trout
William M. Tweed
Charles W. Upham
Joshua Vansant
Ellihu B. Washburne
John Wentworth
Theodorick R. Westbrook
William H. Witte
Hendrick B. Wright

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. William W. Boyce
Francis M. Bristow
Robert M. Bugg
Davis Carpenter
John S. Caskie
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Carlton B. Curtis
Cyrus L. Dunham
Thomas D. Eliot
E. Wilder Farley
Thomas T. Flagler
Joshua R. Giddings

Mr. William O. Goode
Galusha A. Grow
William T. Hamilton
Daniel T. Jones
George W. Jones
Charles S. Lewis
Samuel Lilly
Moses Macdonald
Fayette McMullen
John S. Millson
Edwin B. Morgan
William Murray
Jesse O. Norton

Mr. Andrew Oliver
Jared V. Peck
Bishop Perkins
Alvah Sabin
Charles Skelton
William Smith
George W. Smyth
Andrew Tracy
Hiram Walbridge
Mike Walsh
Israel Washburn, jr.
John Wheeler
Felix K. Zollicoffer.

So the rules were suspended, and the said bill was taken up and read a first and second time.

Pending the question on its third reading,

Mr. Lindsay moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered, and under the operation thereof the said bill was ordered to be read a third time.

It was accordingly read the third time.

Pending the question on its passage,

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed on the part of this House, to be joined by such committee as may be appointed by the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States and notify him that, unless he may have further communications to make, the two houses of Congress, having completed the business before them, are ready to close the present Congress by adjournment.

Mr. George W. Jones and Mr. Chandler were appointed the said committee on the part of the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Sidney Webster, his private Secretary, notifying the House that he did this day approve and sign bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 483. An act for the relief of Andrew H. Patterson;

H. Res. 63. Joint resolution making appropriation for the payment of those entitled to the benefits of the resolution of the House of Representatives of the United States, passed March 3, 1855, voting extra compensation to pages, folders, and others;

H. R. 628. An act to amend an act entitled "An act for the relief of George M. Bentley, of the State of Indiana," approved August 5, 1854;

H. R. 445. An act to improve the laws of the District of Columbia, and to codify the same;

H. R. 406. An act further to amend the act entitled "An act to reduce and modify the rates of postages in the United States, and for other purposes," passed March 3, 1851;

H. R. 579. An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending 30th of June, 1856; and

H. R. 569. An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending June 30, 1856, and for other purposes.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of two members on the part of the Senate, to join the committee already appointed by this House, to wait upon the President of the United States.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did this day approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 686. An act for the relief of Mrs. Irene G. Scarritt.

S. 515. An act to increase the compensation of the registers of land offices and receivers of public moneys under the act entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators," approved August 4, 1854.

And then he withdrew.

Under the resolution of the House of this day, reports were delivered to the Clerk as follows, viz:

Mr. Thomas J. D. Fuller, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill of the House (No. 663) to amend and consolidate the navigation, revenue, and collection laws of the United States, and for other purposes, made a report thereon in writing; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hendrick B. Wright, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of James Baker, president of the Wheeling and Belmont-Bridge Company, preferring charges of official misconduct against the Hon. Robert C. Grier, one of the judges of the Supreme Court of the United States, made a report in writing thereon; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Orr, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Dent, Vantine & Co., made an adverse report thereon; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Orr, from the same committee, reported a bill (H. R. 858) donating three hundred and twenty acres of land to Dick Johnson, an Indian; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Eastman, from the same committee, to whom were referred the petitions and claims of certain citizens of Texas, for relief on account of depredations committed by the Comanches and other Indians on the borders of said State, made an adverse report thereon; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashe, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred the memorial and accompanying documents of G. H. Penfield, in relation to the equipment of the national vessels of the United States with the "Stanton life-boat" and the "Nautilus life-preserver," made a report in writing thereon; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Edmundson, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Bankstone, widow of Elijah Bankstone, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (H. R. 859) for her relief; which bill and report were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

The House having resumed the consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 650) entitled "An act for the relief of Catharine M. Hamer, widow of the late General Thomas L. Hamer,"

The Speaker stated the question to be on its passage.

Pending which,

Mr. Mace moved the previous question; which was seconded and the main question ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And there appeared,	{ Yeas.....	94
	{ Nays.....	23

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. William Aiken
James C. Allen
Willis Allen
William S. Ashe

Mr. David J. Bailey
Nathaniel P. Banks, jr.
William Barkadale
William S. Barry

Mr. Peter H. Bell
Preston S. Brooks
Robert M. Bugg
Lewis D. Campbell

Mr. Davis Carpenter	Mr. Clement S. Hill	Mr. Charles Ready
Ebenezer M. Chamberlain	Charles Hughes	David A. Reese
Joseph R. Chandler	Harvey H. Johnson	Thomas Ruffin
Samuel Clark	Roland Jones	Samuel L. Russell
Thomas W. Cumming	John Kerr	Alvah Sabin
Carlton B. Curtis	James Knox	Russell Sage
Francis B. Cutting	Alfred W. Lamb	Wilson Shannon
John G. Davis	William D. Lindsley	Jacob Shower
Thomas Davis	John McCulloch	George A. Simmons
David T. Disney	James A. McDougall	Frederick P. Stanton
Ben C. Eastman	John McNair	Richard H. Stanton
Norman Eddy	Daniel Mace	Hector L. Stevens
Alfred P. Edgerton	John B. Macy	Nathan T. Stratton
Henry A. Edmundson	Orsamus B. Matteson	Andrew Stuart
John M. Elliott	Henry May	John L. Taylor
Andrew Ellison	Samuel Mayall	Nathaniel G. Taylor
William H. English	Ner Middlewarth	Isaac Teller
E. Wilder Farley	Smith Miller	Michael C. Trout
Thomas B. Florence	Matthias H. Nichols	William M. Tweed
James Gamble	David A. Noble	Joshua Vansant
John Z. Goodrich	James L. Orr	William A. Walker
Frederick W. Green	Samuel W. Parker	Ellihu B. Washburne
Alfred B. Greenwood	Rufus W. Peckham	Daniel Wells, jr.
Aaron Harlan	Alex. C. M. Pennington	John Wentworth
Andrew J. Harlan	Philip Phillips	William H. Witte
John Scott Harrison	James T. Pratt	Daniel B. Wright
Solomon G. Haven	Richard C. Puryear	Hendrick B. Wright.
Isaac E. Hiester		

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Nathan Belcher	Mr. William O. Goode	Mr. Moses Macdonald
Francis M. Bristow	Galusha A. Grow	John S. Millson
James S. Chrisman	Thomas A. Hendricks	William Murray
Thomas L. Clingman	Harry Hibbard	Jesse O. Norton
Williamson R. W. Cobb	Daniel T. Jones	William Smith
Charles J. Faulkner	George W. Jones	John J. Taylor
Thomas T. Flagler	John Letcher	John Wheeler.
Thomas J. D. Fuller	James J. Lindley	

No quorum voted.

When,

Mr. George W. Jones, from the joint committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, reported that they had discharged the duty imposed upon them, and that the President had informed them that he had no further communication to make to the present Congress.

A motion was then made by Mr. Orr, at 11 o'clock and 50 minutes a. m., that the House adjourn.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker Boyd addressed the House as follows, viz :

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

Beyond expressing the hope that our labors may contribute to the common welfare, it may be regarded out of place for me to refer to our acts of legislation. Before announcing the final adjournment of this body, however, I desire, in an *especial* manner, to make you my sincere and heartfelt acknowledgments for the liberal support, marked respect, and *positive* personal kindness which, at all times and under all circumstances, I have received at your hands. And again, I feel that I am

under scarcely less obligation to you for the very cordial and impressive terms in which you have been pleased to manifest your approbation of my conduct as your presiding officer. In all sincerity I may say I have never witnessed, and I doubt whether, in the whole history of legislative proceedings, it can be shown that a greater share of forbearance and respectful consideration has ever been exercised towards any presiding officer than that which you have generously accorded to me.

Being about to exchange the toils and cares of official station for the more quiet and peaceful pursuits of private life, bearing with me the consciousness that, in my official conduct, I have at least aimed well, these testimonials, in connexion with the oft-repeated expression of unfaltering confidence on the part of my fellow-citizens at home, will be forever cherished by me as among the most gratifying recollections of my past life. In this connexion it is a pleasing task to bear testimony to the general courtesy and personal kindness which has prevailed one toward another throughout this Hall.

If, springing from the exciting causes to which we have been subjected, occasional ebullitions of unfriendly feeling have arisen, they have, I trust, passed away, and will be remembered no more.

Cordially sharing the pleasure this must afford to all, and with feelings of unmingled personal kindness towards each of you, I bid you adieu.

This House stands adjourned without day.



APPENDIX.

STANDING RULES AND ORDERS

FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES.

TOUCHING THE DUTY OF THE SPEAKER.

1. He shall take the chair every day precisely at the hour to which the House shall have adjourned on the preceding day; shall immediately call the members to order; and, on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the journal of the preceding day to be read.—*April 7, 1789.*

2. He shall preserve order and decorum; may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House by any two members—*April 7, 1789*; on which appeal no member shall speak more than once, unless by leave of the House.—*December 23, 1811.*

3. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.—*April 7, 1789.*

4. Questions shall be distinctly put in this form, to wit: "As many as are of opinion that (as the question may be) say *Ay*;" and after the affirmative voice is expressed, "As many as are of the contrary opinion, say *No*." If the Speaker doubt, or a division be called for, the House shall divide: those in the affirmative of the question shall first rise from their seats, and afterwards those in the negative. If the Speaker still doubt, or a count be required, the Speaker shall name two members, one from each side, to tell the members in the affirmative and negative; which being reported, he shall rise and state the decision to the House.—*April 7, 1789.* No division and count of the House by tellers shall be in order, but upon motion seconded by at least one-fifth of a quorum of the members.—*September 15, 1837.*

5. When any motion or proposition is made, the question, "Will the House now consider it?" shall not be put unless it is demanded by some member, or is deemed necessary by the Speaker.—*December 12, 1817.*

6. The Speaker shall examine and correct the journal before it is read. He shall have a general direction of the hall. He shall have a right to name any member to perform the duties of the Chair, but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment—*December 23, 1811.*

7. All committees shall be appointed by the Speaker, unless otherwise specially directed by the House, in which case they shall be appointed by ballot; and if, upon such ballot, the number required shall not be elected by a majority of the votes given, the House shall proceed to a second ballot, in which a plurality of votes shall prevail; and in case a greater number than is required to compose or complete a committee shall have an equal number of votes, the House shall proceed to a further ballot or ballots.—*January 13, 1790.*

8. The first-named member of any committee shall be the chairman; and in his absence, or being excused by the House, the next named member, and so on, as often as the case shall happen, unless the committee, by a majority of their number, elect a chairman.—*December 28, 1805.*

9. Any member may excuse himself from serving on any committee, at the time of his appointment, if he is then a member of two other committees.—*April 13, 1789.*

10. It shall be the duty of a committee to meet on the call of any two of its members, if the chairman be absent, or decline to appoint such meeting.—*December 20, 1805.*

11. In all other cases of ballot than for committees, a majority of the votes given shall be necessary to an election; and where there shall not be such a majority on the first ballot, the ballots shall be repeated until a majority be obtained.—*April 7, 1789.* And in all ballotings blanks shall be rejected, and not taken into the count in enumeration of votes, or reported by the tellers.—*September 15, 1837.*

12. In all cases of ballot by the House, the Speaker shall vote; in other cases he shall not be required to vote, unless the House be equally divided, or unless his vote, if given to the minority, will make the division equal; and in case of such equal division, the question shall be lost.—*April 7, 1789.*

13. In all cases where other than members of the House may be eligible to an office by the election of the House, there shall be a previous nomination.—*April 7, 1789.*

14. In all cases of election by the House of its officers, the vote shall be taken *viva voce* —*December 10, 1839.*

15. All acts, addresses, and joint resolutions, shall be signed by the Speaker; and all writs, warrants, and subpoenas, issued by order of the House, shall be under his hand and seal, attested by the Clerk.—*November 13, 1794.*

16. In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the galleries or lobby, the Speaker (or chairman of the Committee of the Whole House) shall have power to order the same to be cleared.—*March 14, 1794.*

17. No person except members of the Senate, their Secretary, Heads of Departments, Treasurer, Comptrollers, Register, Auditors, President's Secretary, Chaplains to Congress, Judges of the United States, Foreign Ministers and their Secretaries, officers who, by name, have received, or shall hereafter receive, the thanks of Congress for their gallantry and good conduct displayed in the service of their country, the Governor for the time being of any State or Territory in the Union, such gentlemen as have been Heads of Departments or members of

either branch of the national legislature, the members of the legislatures, for the time being, of the States and Territories—*January 14, 1850*—and, at the discretion of the Speaker, persons who belong to such legislatures of *foreign* governments as are in *amity* with the United States, shall be admitted within the hall of the House of Representatives; and no person, not known to the doorkeeper to be entitled to the privilege of the floor, shall enter the hall, unless the doorkeeper shall be informed by a member that the individual is entitled to admission under this rule, and in what capacity.—*January 14, 1850.*

13. Stenographers, wishing to take down the debates, may be admitted by the Speaker, who shall assign such places to them, on the floor or elsewhere, to effect their object, as shall not interfere with the convenience of the House.—*January 7, 1802; modified to present form, December 23, 1811.*

19. No person shall be allowed the privilege of the hall, under the character of stenographer, without a written permission from the Speaker, specifying the part of the hall assigned to him; and no reporter or stenographer shall be admitted under the rules of the House, unless such reporter or stenographer shall state, in writing, for what paper or papers he is employed to report.—*March 1, 1838.* And no person shall be admitted, under the rules of the House, as a reporter or stenographer, for any paper or papers, who shall be employed as an agent to prosecute any claim pending before Congress, and the Speaker shall give his written permission with this condition; and not more than one reporter or stenographer shall be assigned the same seat.—*December 13, 1852.*

20. The doorkeeper shall execute strictly the 17th and 18th rules, relative to the privilege of the hall.—*March 1, 1838.*

21. The Clerk of the House shall take an oath for the true and faithful discharge of the duties of his office to the best of his knowledge and abilities.—*April 13, 1789, and act June 1, 1789.* He shall be deemed to continue in office until another be appointed.—*March 1, 1791.*

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE SESSION.

22. After six days from the commencement of a second or subsequent session of any Congress, all bills, resolutions, and reports, which originated in the House, and at the close of the next preceding session remained undetermined, shall be resumed and acted on in the same manner as if an adjournment had not taken place.—*March 17, 1818.*

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE DAY.

23. As soon as the journal is read, reports from committees shall be called for and disposed of, in doing which the Speaker shall call upon each standing committee in the order they are named in the 76th and 104th rules; and when all the standing committees shall have been called on, then it shall be the duty of the Speaker to call for reports from select committees. If the Speaker shall not get through the call upon committees before the House passes to other business, he shall resume the next call where he left off.

24. Members having petitions and memorials to present, may hand them to the Clerk, endorsing the same with their names, and the reference or disposition to be made thereof; and such petitions and memorials shall be entered on the journal, subject to the control and direction of the Speaker. And if any petition or memorial be so handed in which, in the judgment of the Speaker, is excluded by the rules, the same shall be returned to the member from whom it was received. *March 29, 1842.*

25. Reports from committees having been presented and disposed of, the Speaker shall call for resolutions from the members of each State and Territory, beginning with Maine and the Territory of Wisconsin, alternately. They shall not be debated on the very day of their being presented, nor on any day assigned by the House for the receipt of resolutions, unless where the House shall direct otherwise, but shall lie on the table to be taken up in the order in which they were presented. And if on any day the whole of the States and Territories shall not be called, the Speaker shall begin on the next day where he left off the previous day, provided that no member shall offer more than one resolution, or one series of resolutions, all relating to the same subject, until all the States and Territories shall have been called.—*January 14, 1829.*

26. All the States and Territories shall be called for resolutions on each alternate Monday during each session of Congress, and, if necessary to secure this object on said days, all resolutions which shall give rise to debate shall lie over for discussion, under the rules of the House already established; and the whole of said days shall be appropriated to resolutions, until all the States and Territories are called through. *February 6, 1838.*

27. After one hour shall have been devoted to reports from committees and resolutions, it shall be in order, pending the consideration or discussion thereof, to entertain a motion that the House do now proceed to dispose of the business on the Speaker's table, and to the orders of the day.—*January 5, 1832*; which being decided in the affirmative, the Speaker shall dispose of the business on his table in the following order, viz:

- 1st. Messages and other executive communications.
- 2d. Messages from the Senate, and amendments proposed by the Senate to bills of the House.
- 3d. Bills and resolutions from the Senate on their first and second reading, that they be referred to committees and put under way; but if, on being read a second time, no motion be made to commit, they are to be ordered to their third reading, unless objection be made; in which case, if not otherwise ordered by a majority of the House, they are to be laid on the table in the general file of bills on the Speaker's table, to be taken up in their turn.
- 4th. Engrossed bills, and bills from the Senate on their third reading.
- 5th. Bills of the House and from the Senate on the Speaker's table, on their engrossment, or on being ordered to a third reading, to be taken up and considered in the order of time in which they passed to a second reading.

The messages, communications, and bills on his table, having been disposed of, the Speaker shall then proceed to call the orders of the day.—*September 14, 1837.*

28. The business specified in the 26th and 27th rules shall be done at no other part of the day, except by permission of the House.—*December 23, 1811.*

LOCAL OR PRIVATE BUSINESS.

29. Friday and Saturday in every week shall be set apart for the consideration of private bills and private business, in preference to any other, unless otherwise determined by a majority of the House.—*January 22, 1810, and January 26, 1826.*

30. On the first and fourth Friday of each month, the calendar of private bills shall be called over, (the chairman of the Committee of the Whole House commencing the call where he left off the previous day,) and the bills to the passage of which no objection shall then be made, shall be first considered and disposed of.—*January 25, 1839.*

OF DECORUM AND DEBATE.

31. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the House, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to "Mr. Speaker"—*April 7, 1789*—and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personality.—*December 23, 1811.*

32. Members may address the House or committee from the Clerk's desk, or from a place near the Speaker's chair.

33. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the Speaker shall name the member who is first to speak.—*April 7, 1789.*

34. No member shall occupy more than one hour in debate on any question in the House, or in committee; but a member reporting the measure under consideration from a committee, may open and close the debate; provided, that where debate is closed by order of the House, any member shall be allowed, in committee, five minutes to explain any amendment he may offer, after which any member who shall first obtain the floor shall be allowed to speak five minutes in opposition to it, and there shall be no further debate on the amendment; but the same privilege on debate shall be allowed in favor of and against any amendment that may be offered to the amendment; and neither the amendment nor an amendment to the amendment shall be withdrawn by the mover thereof, unless by the unanimous consent of the committee.—*December 18, 1847.*

35. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the House, the Speaker shall, or any member may, call to order; in which case, the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the House shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate. If there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed—if otherwise, he shall not be permitted to proceed, in case any member object, without leave of the House; and, if the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the House.—*April 7, 1789, and March 13, 1822.*

36. If a member be called to order for words spoken in debate, the person calling him to order shall repeat the words excepted to, and

they shall be taken down in writing at the Clerk's table; and no member shall be held to answer, or be subject to the censure of the House, for words spoken in debate, if any other member has spoken, or other business has intervened, after the words spoken, and before exception to them shall have been taken.—*September 14, 1837.*

37. No member shall speak more than once to the same question, without leave of the House—*April 7, 1789*—unless he be the mover, proposer, or introducer, of the matter pending, in which case he shall be permitted to speak in reply, but not until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.—*January 14, 1840.*

38. If a question depending be lost by adjournment of the House, and revived on the succeeding day, no member who shall have spoken on the preceding day shall be permitted again to speak without leave. *April 7, 1789.*

39. While the Speaker is putting any question, or addressing the House, none shall walk out of or across the House; nor, in such case, or when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse; nor, while a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the Chair. *April 7, 1789.* Every member shall remain uncovered during the session of the House.—*September 14, 1837.* No member or other person shall visit or remain by the Clerk's table while the yeas and noes are calling, or ballots are counting.—*September 14, 1837.*

40. No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately and particularly interested, or in any case where he was not within the bar of the House when the question was put.—*April 7, 1789.* And when any member shall ask leave to vote, the Speaker shall propound to him the question, "*Were you within the bar when your name was called?*"—*September 14, 1837.*

41. Upon a division and count of the House on any question, no member without the bar shall be counted.—*November 13, 1794.*

42. Every member who shall be in the House when the question is put shall give his vote, unless the House, for special reason, shall excuse him.—*April 7, 1789.* All motions to excuse a member from voting shall be made before the House divides, or before the call of the yeas and nays is commenced; and the question shall then be taken without further debate.—*September 14, 1837.*

43. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Speaker, or, being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair, and read aloud by the Clerk before debated.—*April 7, 1789.*

44. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Speaker or any member desire it.—*April 7, 1789.* Every *written* motion made to the House shall be inserted on the journal, with the name of the member making it, unless it be withdrawn on the same day on which it was submitted.—*March 26, 1806.*

45. After a motion is stated by the Speaker, or read by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the House, but may be withdrawn at any time before a decision or amendment.—*April 7, 1789.*

46. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or amend, to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are

arranged—*March 13, 1822*; and no motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or to postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall be again allowed on the same day, and at the same stage of the bill or proposition.

47. When a resolution shall be offered, or a motion made, to refer any subject, and different committees shall be proposed, the question shall be taken in the following order:

The Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; the Committee of the Whole House; a standing committee; a select committee.—*March 13, 1822.*

48. A motion to adjourn, and a motion to fix the day to which the House shall adjourn, shall be always in order—*April 7, 1789, and January 14, 1840*: these motions, and the motion to lie on the table, shall be decided without debate.—*November 13, 1794; March 13, 1822.*

49. The hour at which every motion to adjourn is made shall be entered on the journal.—*October 9, 1837.*

50. The previous question shall be in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?"—*April 7, 1789.* It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present—*February 24, 1812*; and its effect shall be to put an end to all debate, and bring the House to a direct vote upon a motion to commit, if such motion shall have been made; and if this motion does not prevail, then upon amendments reported by a committee, if any; then—*August 5, 1842*—upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.—*January 14, 1840.* On a motion for the previous question, and prior to the seconding of the same, a call of the House shall be in order; but after a majority shall have seconded such motion, no call shall be in order prior to a decision of the main question.—*September 14, 1837.*

51. On a previous question there shall be no debate.—*December 17, 1805.* All incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate.—*September 15, 1837.*

52. When a question is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon again during the session.—*December 17, 1805.*

53. Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be divided if it comprehend propositions in substance so distinct, that one being taken away, a substantive proposition shall remain for the decision of the House.—*September 15, 1837.* A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible—*December 23, 1811*; but a motion to strike out being lost, shall preclude neither amendment nor a motion to strike out and insert.—*March 13, 1822.*

54. Motions and reports may be committed at the pleasure of the House.—*April 7, 1789.*

55. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.—*March 13, 1822.* No bill or resolution shall, at any time, be amended by annexing thereto, or incorporating therewith, any other bill or resolution pending before the House.—*September 15, 1837.*

56. When a motion has been once made, and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move for the reconsideration thereof—*January 7, 1802*—on the same or

succeeding day—*December 23, 1811*; and such motion shall take precedence of all other questions, except a motion to adjourn—*May 6, 1828*—and shall not be withdrawn after the said succeeding day, without the consent of the House, and thereafter any member may call it up for consideration.—*March 2, 1848.*

57. When the reading of a paper is called for, and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the House.—*November 13, 1794.*

58. The unfinished business in which the House was engaged at the last preceding adjournment shall have the preference in the orders of the day; and no motion on any other business shall be received, without special leave of the House, until the former is disposed of.—*November 13, 1794.*

59. Every order, resolution, or vote, to which the concurrence of the Senate shall be necessary, shall be read to the House and laid on the table, on a day preceding that in which the same shall be moved, unless the House shall otherwise expressly allow.—*April 7, 1789.*

60. The name of the member who presents a petition or memorial, or who offers a resolution to the consideration of the House, shall be inserted on the journal.—*March 22, 1806.*

61. A proposition requesting information from the President of the United States, or directing it to be furnished by the head of either of the executive departments, or by the Postmaster General—*December 13, 1820*—or to print an extra number of any document or other matter, excepting messages of the President to both houses at the commencement of each session of Congress, and the reports and documents connected with or referred to in it, shall lie on the table one day for consideration, unless otherwise ordered by the unanimous consent of the House—*December 13, 1820*; and all such propositions shall be taken up for consideration in the order they were presented, immediately after reports are called for from select committees; and, when adopted, the Clerk shall cause the same to be delivered.—*January 22, 1822.*

62. Upon calls of the House, or in taking the yeas and nays on any question, the names of the members shall be called alphabetically.—*April 7, 1789.*

63. Upon the call of the House, the names of the members shall be called over by the Clerk, and the absentees noted; after which, the names of the absentees shall again be called over: the doors shall then be shut, and those for whom no excuse or insufficient excuses are made may by order of those present, if fifteen in number, be taken into custody as they appear, or may be sent for and taken into custody, wherever to be found, by special messengers to be appointed for that purpose.—*November 13, 1789, and December 14, 1795.*

64. When a member shall be discharged from custody, and admitted to his seat, the House shall determine whether such discharge shall be with or without paying fees; and in like manner whether a delinquent member, taken into custody by a special messenger, shall or shall not be liable to defray the expense of such special messenger.—*November 13, 1794.*

65. Any fifteen members (including the Speaker, if there be one) shall be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members.—*April 17, 1789.*

66. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House unless he have leave, or be sick or unable to attend.—*April 13, 1789.*

67. A Sergeant-at-arms shall be appointed, to hold his office during the pleasure of the House, whose duty it shall be to attend the House during its sittings; to execute the commands of the House from time to time; together with all such process, issued by authority thereof, as shall be directed to him by the Speaker.—*April 14, 1789.*

68. The symbol of his office (the mace) shall be borne by the Sergeant-at-arms when in the execution of his office.—*April 14, 1789.*

69. The fees of the Sergeant-at-arms shall be, for every arrest, the sum of two dollars; for each day's custody and releasement, one dollar; and for travelling expenses for himself or a special messenger, going and returning, one-tenth of a dollar per mile.—*April 14, 1789.*

70. It shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-arms to keep the accounts for pay and mileage of members, to prepare checks, and, if required to do so, to draw the money on such checks for the members, (the same being previously signed by the Speaker and endorsed by the member,) and pay over the same to the member entitled thereto.—*April 4, 1838.*

71. The Sergeant-at-arms shall give bond, with surety, to the United States, in a sum not less than five nor more than ten thousand dollars, at the discretion of the Speaker, and with such surety as the Speaker may approve, faithfully to account for the money coming into his hands for the pay of members.—*April 4, 1838.*

72. The Sergeant-at-arms shall be sworn to keep the secrets of the House.—*December 23, 1811.*

73. A doorkeeper shall be appointed for the service of the House.—*April 2, 1789.*

74. The doorkeeper shall be sworn to keep the secrets of the House.—*December 23, 1811.*

75. The postmaster, to superintend the post-office kept in the Capitol for the accommodation of the members, shall be appointed by the House.—*April 4, 1838.*

76. Twenty-eight standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of each session, viz:

A Committee of Elections.—*November 13, 1789.*

A Committee of Ways and Means.—*January 7, 1802.*

A Committee of Claims.—*November 13, 1794.*

A Committee on Commerce.—*December 14, 1795.*

A Committee on the Public Lands.—*December 14, 1805.*

A Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.—*November 9, 1808.*

A Committee for the District of Columbia.—*January 27, 1808.*

A Committee on the Judiciary.—*June 3, 1813.*

A Committee on Revolutionary Claims.—*December 22, 1813.*

A Committee on Public Expenditures.—*February 26, 1814.*

A Committee on Private Land Claims.—*April 29, 1816.*

A Committee on Manufactures.—*December 8, 1819.*

A Committee on Agriculture.—*May 3, 1820.*

A Committee on Indian Affairs.—*December 18, 1821.*

A Committee on Military Affairs.—*March 13, 1822.*

A Committee on the Militia.—*December 10, 1835.*

A Committee on Naval Affairs.—*March 13, 1822.*

A Committee on Foreign Affairs.—*March 13, 1822.*

A Committee on the Territories.—*December 13, 1825.*

A Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.—*December 9, 1825.*

A Committee on Invalid Pensions.—*January 10, 1831.*

A Committee on Roads and Canals.—*December 15, 1831.*

To consist of nine members each.

A Committee on Patents.—*September 15, 1837.*

A Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.—*September 15, 1837.*

A Committee of Revision and Unfinished Business.—*December 14, 1795.*

A Committee of Accounts.—*November 7, 1804.*

A Committee on Mileage.—*September 15, 1837.*

} To consist of five members each.

A Committee on Engraving, to consist of three members.—*March 16, 1844.*

77. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Elections to examine and report upon the certificates of election, or other credentials of the members returned to serve in this House, and to take into their consideration all such petitions and other matters touching elections and returns as shall or may be presented or come into question, and be referred to them by the House.—*November 13, 1789; November 13, 1794.*

78. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Ways and Means to take into consideration all such reports of the Treasury Department, and all such propositions relative to the revenue, as may be referred to them by the House; to inquire into the state of the public debt or the revenue, and of the expenditure, and to report, from time to time, their opinion thereon; [to examine into the state of the several public departments, and particularly into the laws making appropriations of moneys, and to report whether the moneys have been disbursed conformably with such laws; and also to report, from time to time, such provisions and arrangements as may be necessary to add to the economy of the departments and the accountability of their officers.]—*January 7, 1802.*

In preparing bills of appropriations for other objects, the Committee of Ways and Means shall not include appropriations for carrying into effect treaties made by the United States; and where an appropriation bill shall be referred to them for their consideration which contains appropriations for carrying a treaty into effect, and for other objects, they shall propose such amendments as shall prevent appropriations for carrying a treaty into effect being included in the same bill with appropriations for other objects.—*January 30, 1819.*

79. It shall also be the duty of the Committee of Ways and Means within thirty days after their appointment, at every session of Congress commencing on the first Monday of December, to report the general appropriation bills—for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government, for the army, for the navy, and for the Indian department and Indian annuities—or, in failure thereof, the reasons of such failure.—*September 14, 1837.*

80. General appropriation bills shall be in order in preference to any other bills of a public nature, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the House.—*September 14, 1837.*

81. No appropriation shall be reported in such general appropriation bills, or be in order as an amendment thereto, for any expenditure not previously authorized by law.—*September 14, 1837*—unless in continuation of appropriations for such public works and objects as are already in progress, and for the contingencies for carrying on the several departments of the government.—*March 13, 1838.*

82. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Claims to take into consideration all such petitions and matters or things touching claims and demands on the United States as shall be presented, or shall or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report

their opinion thereupon, together with such propositions for relief therein as to them shall seem expedient.—*November 13, 1794.*

83. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Commerce to take into consideration all such petitions and matters or things touching the commerce of the United States as shall be presented, or shall or may come into question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report, from time to time, their opinion thereon.—*December 14, 1795.*

84. It shall be the duty of the Committee on the Public Lands to take into consideration all such petitions and matters or things respecting the lands of the United States as shall be presented, or shall or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report their opinion thereon, together with such propositions for relief therein as to them shall seem expedient.—*December 17, 1805.*

85. It shall be the duty of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads to take into consideration all such petitions and matters or things touching the post office and post roads as shall be presented, or shall come in question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report their opinion thereon, together with such propositions relative thereto as to them shall seem expedient.—*November 9, 1808.*

86. It shall be the duty of the Committee for the District of Columbia to take into consideration all such petitions and matters or things touching the said District as shall be presented, or shall come in question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report their opinion thereon, together with such propositions relative thereto as to them shall seem expedient.—*January 27, 1808.*

87. It shall be the duty of the Committee on the Judiciary to take into consideration such petitions and matters or things touching judicial proceedings as shall be presented, or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report their opinion thereon, together with such propositions relative thereto as to them shall seem expedient.—*June 3, 1813.*

88. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims to take into consideration all such petitions and matters or things touching claims and demands originating in the revolutionary war, or arising therefrom, as shall be presented, or shall or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report their opinion thereupon, together with such propositions for relief therein as to them shall seem expedient.—*December 22, 1813.*

89. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Public Expenditures to examine into the state of the several public departments, and particularly into laws making appropriations of money, and to report whether the moneys have been disbursed conformably with such laws; and also to report, from time to time, such provisions and arrangements, as may be necessary to add to the economy of the departments, and the accountability of their officers.—*February 26, 1814.*

90. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Private Land Claims to take into consideration all claims to land which may be referred to them, or shall or may come in question; and to report their opinion thereupon, together with such propositions for relief therein as to them shall seem expedient.—*April 29, 1816.*

91. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Military Affairs to take

into consideration all subjects relating to the military establishment and public defence which may be referred to them by the House, and to report their opinion thereupon; and also to report, from time to time, such measures as may contribute to economy and accountability in the said establishment.—*March 13, 1822.*

92. It shall be the duty of the Committee on the Militia to take into consideration and report on all subjects connected with the organizing, arming, and disciplining, the militia of the United States.—*December 10, 1835.*

93. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Naval Affairs to take into consideration all matters which concern the naval establishment, and which shall be referred to them by the House, and to report their opinion thereupon; and also to report, from time to time, such measures as may contribute to economy and accountability in the said establishment.—*March 13, 1822.*

94. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Foreign Affairs to take into consideration all matters which concern the relations of the United States with foreign nations, and which shall be referred to them by the House, and to report their opinion on the same.—*March 13, 1822.*

95. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Territories to examine into the legislative, civil, and criminal proceedings of the Territories, and to devise and report to the House such means as, in their opinion, may be necessary to secure the rights and privileges of residents and non-residents.—*December 13, 1825.*

96. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions to take into consideration all such matters respecting pensions for services in the revolutionary war, other than invalid pensions, as shall be referred to them by the House.—*January 10, 1831.*

97. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Invalid Pensions to take into consideration all such matters respecting invalid pensions as shall be referred to them by the House.—*January 10, 1831.*

98. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Roads and Canals to take into consideration all such petitions and matters or things relating to roads and canals, and the improvement of the navigation of rivers, as shall be presented, or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report thereupon, together with such propositions relative thereto as to them shall seem expedient.—*December 15, 1831.*

99. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Patents to consider all subjects relating to patents which may be referred to them, and report their opinion thereon, together with such propositions relative thereto as may seem to them expedient.—*September 15, 1837.*

100. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds to consider all subjects relating to the public edifices and grounds within the city of Washington which may be referred to them, and report their opinion thereon, together with such propositions relating thereto as may seem to them expedient.—*September 15, 1837.*

101. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Revised and Unfinished Business to examine and report what laws have expired, or are near expiring, and require to be revived or further continued; also to

examine and report from the journal of last session all such matters as were then depending and undetermined.—*December 14, 1795.*

102. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Accounts to superintend and control the expenditures of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives—*December 17, 1805*; also to audit and settle all accounts which may be charged thereon; and also to audit the accounts of the members for their travel to and from the seat of government, and their attendance in the House.—*December 23, 1811.*

103. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Mileage to ascertain and report the distance to the Sergeant-at-arms for which each member shall receive pay.—*September 15, 1837.*

104. There shall be appointed a standing committee of this House, to consist of three members, to be called the Committee on Engraving, to whom shall be referred by the Clerk all drawings, maps, charts, or other papers, which may at any time come before the House for engraving, lithographing, or publishing in any way; which committee shall report to the House whether the same ought, in their opinion, to be published; and if the House order the publication of the same, that said committee shall direct the size and manner of execution of all such maps, charts, drawings, or other papers, and contract, by agreement, in writing, for all such engraving, lithographing, printing, drawing and coloring, as may be ordered by the House; which agreement, in writing, shall be furnished by said committee to the Committee of Accounts, to govern said committee, in all allowances for such works; and it shall be in order for said committee to report at all times.
March 16, 1844.

105. Six additional standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the first session in each Congress, whose duties shall continue until the first session of the ensuing Congress.—*March 30, 1816.*

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A committee on so much of the public accounts and expenditures as relate to the Department of State; 2. A committee on so much of the public accounts and expenditures as relate to the Treasury Department; 3. A committee on so much of the public accounts and expenditures as relate to the Department of War; 4. A committee on so much of the public accounts and expenditures as relate to the Department of the Navy; 5. A committee on so much of the public accounts and expenditures as relate to the Post Office; and 6. A committee on so much of the public accounts and expenditures as relate to the Public Buildings. | } | <p>To consist of five members each.</p> |
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106. It shall be the duty of the said committees to examine into the state of the accounts and expenditures respectfully submitted to them, and to inquire and report particularly—

Whether the expenditures of the respective departments are justified by law;

Whether the claims from time to time satisfied and discharged by the respective departments are supported by sufficient vouchers, establishing their justness both as to their character and amount;

Whether such claims have been discharged out of funds appropriated therefor, and whether all moneys have been disbursed in conformity with appropriation laws; and

Whether any and what provisions are necessary to be adopted to provide more perfectly for the proper application of the public moneys, and to secure the government from demands unjust in their character or extravagant in their amount.

And it shall be, moreover, the duty of the said committees to report, from time to time, whether any and what retrenchment can be made in the expenditures of the several departments without detriment to the public service; whether any and what abuses at any time exist in the failure to enforce the payment of moneys which may be due to the United States from public defaulters or others; and to report, from time to time, such provisions and arrangements as may be necessary to add to the economy of the several departments and the accountability of their officers.—*March 30, 1816.*

It shall be the duty of the several committees on Public Expenditures to inquire whether any offices belonging to the branches or departments, respectively, concerning whose expenditures it is their duty to inquire, have become useless or unnecessary, and to report, from time to time, on the expediency of modifying or abolishing the same; also, to examine into the pay and emoluments of all offices under the laws of the United States, and to report, from time to time, such a reduction or increase thereof as a just economy and the public service may require.—*February 19, 1817.*

107. The several standing committees of the House shall have leave to report by bill or otherwise.—*March 13, 1822.*

108. No committee shall sit during the sitting of the House, without special leave.—*November 13, 1794.*

109. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to make, and cause to be printed, and delivered to each member at the commencement of every session of Congress, a list of the reports which it is the duty of any officer or department of the government to make to Congress, referring to the act or resolution, and page of the volume of the laws or journal in which it may be contained; and placing under the name of each officer the list of reports required of him to be made, and the time when the report may be expected —*March 13, 1822.*

110. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the House, at the end of each session, to send a printed copy of the journals thereof to the Executive, and to each branch of the legislature of every State.—*November 13, 1794.*

111. All questions of order shall be noted by the Clerk, with the decision, and put together at the end of the journal of every session. *December 23, 1811.*

112. Whenever confidential communications are received from the President of the United States, the House shall be cleared of all persons, except the members, Clerk, Sergeant-at-arms, and Doorkeeper, and so continue during the reading of such communications, and (unless otherwise directed by the House) during all debates and proceedings to be had thereon. And when the Speaker, or any other member, shall inform the House that he has communications to make which he conceives ought to be kept secret, the House shall, in like manner, be cleared till the communication be made; the House shall then deter-

mine whether the matter communicated requires secrecy or not, and take order accordingly.—*February 17, 1792, and December 30, 1793.*

113. All questions relating to the priority of business to be acted on, shall be decided without debate.—*February 21, 1803.*

OF BILLS.

114. Every bill shall be introduced on the report of a committee, or by motion for leave. In the latter case, at least one day's notice shall be given of the motion in the House, or by filing a memorandum thereof with the Clerk, and having it entered on the journal; and the motion shall be made, and the bill introduced, if leave is given, when resolutions are called for; such motion, or the bill when introduced, may be committed.—*April 7, 1789, September 15, 1837, and March 2, 1848.*

115. Every bill shall receive three several readings in the House previous to its passage; and bills shall be despatched in order as they were introduced, unless where the House shall direct otherwise; but no bill shall be twice read on the same day without special order of the House.—*April 7, 1789.*

116. The first reading of a bill shall be for information, and if opposition be made to it, the question shall be, "Shall this bill be rejected?" If no opposition be made, or if the question to reject be negatived, the bill shall go to its second reading without a question.—*April 7, 1789.*

117. Upon the second reading of a bill, the Speaker shall state it as ready for commitment or engrossment; and if committed, then a question shall be whether to a select or standing committee, or to a Committee of the Whole House; if to a Committee of the Whole House, the House shall determine on what day—*November 13, 1794*; if no motion be made to commit, the question shall be stated on its engrossment; and if it be not ordered to be engrossed on the day of its being reported, it shall be placed in the general file on the Speaker's table, to be taken up in order.—*September 14, 1837.* But if the bill be ordered to be engrossed, the House shall appoint the day when it shall be read the third time.—*November 13, 1794.*

118. Not more than three bills, originating in the House, shall be committed to the same Committee of the Whole; and such bills shall be analogous in their nature, which analogy shall be determined by the Speaker.—*December 29, 1817.*

119. A motion to strike out the enacting words of a bill shall have precedence of a motion to amend; and if carried, shall be considered equivalent to its rejection.—*March 13, 1822.*

120. After commitment and report thereof to the House, or at any time before its passage, a bill may be recommitted.—*April 7, 1789.*

121. All bills ordered to be engrossed shall be executed in a fair round hand.—*April 7, 1789.*

122. No amendment by way of *rider* shall be received to any bill on its third reading.—*April 8, 1814.*

123. When a bill shall pass, it shall be certified by the Clerk, noting the day of its passage at the foot thereof.—*April 7, 1789.*

OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE HOUSE.

124. It shall be a standing order of the day throughout the session, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.—*April 7, 1789.*

125. In forming a Committee of the Whole House, the Speaker shall leave his chair, and a chairman to preside in committee shall be appointed by the Speaker.—*April 7, 1789.*

126. Whenever the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, or the Committee of the Whole House, finds itself without a quorum, the chairman shall cause the roll of the House to be called; and thereupon the committee shall rise, and the chairman shall report the names of the absentees to the House, which shall be entered on the Journal. *December 18, 1847.*

127. Upon bills committed to a Committee of the Whole House, the bill shall be first read throughout by the clerk, and then again read and debated by clauses, leaving the preamble to be last considered. The body of the bill shall not be defaced or interlined; but all amendments, noting the page and line, shall be duly entered by the clerk on a separate paper, as the same shall be agreed to by the committee, and so reported to the House. After report, the bill shall again be subject to be debated and amended by clauses, before a question to engross it be taken.—*April 7, 1789.*

128. All amendments made to an original motion in committee shall be incorporated with the motion, and so reported.—*April 7, 1789.*

129. All amendments made to a report committed to a Committee of the Whole House shall be noted and reported as in the case of bills. *April 7, 1789.*

130. All questions, whether in committee or in the House, shall be propounded in the order in which they were moved, except that, in filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be first put. *April 7, 1789.*

131. No motion or proposition for a tax or charge upon the people shall be discussed the day on which it is made or offered; and every such proposition shall receive its first discussion in a Committee of the Whole House.—*November 13, 1794.*

132. No sum or quantum of tax or duty voted by a Committee of the Whole House, shall be increased in the House until the motion or proposition for such increase shall be first discussed and voted in a Committee of the Whole House; and so in respect to the time of its continuance.—*November 13, 1794.*

133. All proceedings touching appropriations of money shall be first discussed in a Committee of the Whole House.—*November 13, 1794.*

134. The rules of proceedings in the House shall be observed in a Committee of the Whole House, so far as they may be applicable, except the rule limiting times of speaking—*April 7, 1789*; but no member shall speak twice to any question until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.—*December 17, 1805.*

135. In Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, the bills shall be taken up and disposed of in their order on the calendar; but when objection is made to the consideration of a bill, a majority of the

committee shall decide, without debate, whether it shall be taken up and disposed of or laid aside; provided that general appropriation bills, and, in time of war, bills for raising men or money, and bills concerning a treaty of peace, shall be preferred to all other bills, at the discretion of the committee; and when demanded by any member, the question shall first be put in regard to them.—*July 27, 1848.*

136. No standing rule or order of the House shall be rescinded or changed without one day's notice being given of the motion therefor—*November 13, 1794*; nor shall any rule be suspended, except by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present—*March 13, 1822*; nor shall the order of business, as established by the rules, be postponed or changed, except by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present.—*April 26, 1828.* The House may at any time, by a vote of a majority of the members present, suspend the rules and orders, for the purpose of going into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and also for providing for the discharge of the Committee of the Whole House, and the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union—*January 25, 1848*—from the further consideration of any bill referred to it, after acting, without debate, on all amendments pending, and that may be offered.—*March 11, 1844.*

137. Except during the last ten days of the session, the Speaker shall not entertain a motion to suspend the rules of the House at any time, except on Monday of every week; provided nothing herein contained shall be construed to alter so much of the 136th rule as provides as follows: "The House may at any time, by a vote of a majority of the members present, suspend the rules and orders for the purpose of going into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and also for providing for the discharge of the committee from the further consideration of any bill referred to it, after acting, without debate, on all amendments pending and that may be offered."—*December 18, 1847.*

138. It shall be in order for the Committee on Enrolled Bills to report at any time.—*March 13, 1822.*

139. The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in Jefferson's Manual shall govern the House in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders of the House, and the joint rules of the Senate and House of Representatives.—*September 15, 1837.*

140. No person shall be permitted to perform divine service in the chamber occupied by the House of Representatives, unless with the consent of the Speaker.—*May 19, 1804.*

141. The rule for paying witnesses summoned to appear before this House, or either of its committees, shall be as follows: For each day a witness shall attend, the sum of two dollars; for each mile he shall travel in coming to or going from the place of examination, the sum of ten cents each way; but nothing shall be paid for travelling home when the witness has been summoned at the place of trial.—*June 5, 1832.*

142. The Clerk shall, within thirty days after the close of each session of Congress, cause to be completed the printing and primary distribution to members and delegates of the Journal of the House, together with an accurate index to the same.—*June 18, 1832.*

143. There shall be retained in the library of the Clerk's office, for

the use of the members thereof, and not to be withdrawn therefrom, two copies of all the books and printed documents deposited in the library.
December 22, 1826.

144. The Clerk shall have preserved for each member of the House an extra copy, in good binding, of all the documents printed by order of either house at each future session of Congress.—*February 9, 1831.*

145. The Clerk shall make a weekly statement of the resolutions and bills (Senate bills inclusive) upon the Speaker's table, accompanied with a brief reference to the orders and proceedings of the House upon each, and the date of such orders and proceedings; which statement shall be printed for the use of the members.—*April 21, 1836.*

146. The Clerk shall cause an index to be prepared to the acts passed at every session of Congress, and to be printed and bound with the acts.—*July 4, 1832.*

147.—The unappropriated rooms in that part of the Capitol assigned to the House shall be subject to the order and disposal of the Speaker, until the further order of the House.—*May 26, 1824.*

148. Maps accompanying documents shall not be printed, under the general order to print, without the special direction of the House.
March 2, 1837; September 11, 1837.

149. No committee shall be permitted to employ a clerk at the public expense, without first obtaining leave of the House for that purpose.
December 14, 1838.

150. No extra compensation shall be allowed to any officer or messenger, page, laborer, or other person in the service of the House, or engaged in or about the public grounds or buildings; and no person shall be an officer of the House, or continue in its employment, who shall be an agent for the prosecution of any claim against the government, or be interested in such claim otherwise than an original claimant; and it shall be the duty of the Committee of Accounts to inquire into and report to the House any violation of this rule.—*March 8, 1842.*

151. Upon the engrossment of any bill making appropriations of money for works of internal improvement of any kind or description, it shall be in the power of any member to call for a division of the question, so as to take a separate vote of the House upon each item of improvement or appropriation contained in said bill, or upon such items separately, and others collectively, as the members making the call may specify; and if one-fifth of the members present second said call, it shall be the duty of the Speaker to make such divisions of the question, and put them to vote accordingly.—*February 26, 1846.*

152. The following resolution was passed by the House of Representatives, January 30, 1846.—*Journal of the House of Representatives, 1st session 29th Congress, page 323:*

"Whereas the Clerk of this House is by law made the responsible officer for the proper disbursement of the contingent fund, and is required to give bond for the faithful disbursement thereof—therefore

"*Resolved*, That, from and after the passage of this resolution, all contracts, bargains, or agreements, relative to the furnishing any matter or thing, or for the performance of any labor, for the House of Representatives, be made with the Clerk, or approved by him, before any allowance shall be made therefor by the Committee of Accounts."

JOINT RULES AND ORDERS OF THE TWO HOUSES.

1. In every case of an amendment of a bill agreed to in one house, and dissented to in the other, if either house shall request a conference, and appoint a committee for that purpose, and the other house shall also appoint a committee to confer, such committees shall, at a convenient hour, to be agreed on by their chairman, meet in the conference chamber, and state to each other, verbally or in writing, as either shall choose, the reasons of their respective houses for and against the amendment, and confer freely thereon.—*November 13, 1794.*

2. When a message shall be sent from the Senate to the House of Representatives, it shall be announced at the door of the House by the doorkeeper, and shall be respectfully communicated to the Chair by the person by whom it may be sent.—*November 13, 1794.*

3. The same ceremony shall be observed when a messenger shall be sent from the House of Representatives to the Senate.—*November 13, 1794.*

4. Messages shall be sent by such persons as a sense of propriety in each house may determine to be proper.—*November 13, 1794.*

5. While bills are on their passage between the two houses they shall be on paper, and under the signature of the Secretary or Clerk of each house, respectively.—*November 13, 1794.*

6. After a bill shall have passed both houses, it shall be duly enrolled on parchment by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, or the Secretary of the Senate, as the bill may have originated in the one or the other house, before it shall be presented to the President of the United States.—*November 13, 1794.*

7. When bills are enrolled, they shall be examined by a joint committee of two from the Senate and two from the House of Representatives, appointed as a standing committee for that purpose, who shall carefully compare the enrolment with the engrossed bills, as passed in the two houses, and, correcting any errors that may be discovered in the enrolled bills, make their report forthwith to their respective houses. *November 13, 1794, and February 1, 1827.*

8. After examination and report, each bill shall be signed in the respective houses, first by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, then by the President of the Senate.—*November 13, 1794.*

9. After a bill shall have been thus signed in each house, it shall be presented, by the said committee, to the President of the United States for his approbation, (it being first endorsed on the back of the roll, certifying in which house the same originated; which endorsement shall be signed by the Secretary or Clerk, as the case may be, of the house in which the same did originate,) and shall be entered on the journal of each house. The said committee shall report the day of presentation to the President; which time shall also be carefully entered on the journal of each house.—*November 13, 1794.*

10. All orders, resolutions, and votes, which are to be presented to the President of the United States for his approbation, shall also, in the same manner, be previously enrolled, examined, and signed; and shall be presented in the same manner, and by the same committee, as provided in the cases of bills.—*November 13, 1794.*

11. When the Senate and House of Representatives shall judge it proper to make a joint address to the President, it shall be presented to him in his audience chamber by the President of the Senate, in the presence of the Speaker and both houses.—*November 13, 1794.*

12. When a bill or resolution which shall have passed in one house is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given to the House in which the same shall have passed.

13. When a bill or resolution which has been passed in one house shall be rejected in the other, it shall not be brought in during the same session without a notice of ten days, and leave of two-thirds of that house in which it shall be renewed.

14. Each house shall transmit to the other all papers on which any bill or resolution shall be founded.

15. After each house shall have adhered to their disagreement, a bill or resolution shall be lost.

16. No bill that shall have passed one house shall be sent for concurrence to the other on either of the three last days of the session.—*January 30, 1822.*

17. No bill or resolution that shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate shall be presented to the President of the United States for his approbation on the last day of the session.—*January 30, 1822.*

18. When bills which have passed one house are ordered to be printed in the other, a greater number of copies shall not be printed than may be necessary for the use of the house making the order.—*February 9, 1829.*

19. No spirituous liquors shall be offered for sale or exhibited within the Capitol, or on the public grounds adjacent thereto.—*September 18, 1837.*

20. A committee, consisting of three members of the Senate and three members of the House of Representatives, shall be chosen by their respective houses, which shall constitute a committee on printing, which shall have power to adopt such measures as may be deemed necessary to remedy any neglect or delay on the part of the contractor to execute the work ordered by Congress, and to make a *pro rata* reduction in the compensation allowed, or to refuse the work altogether, should it be inferior to the standard; and in all cases the contractor and his securities shall be responsible for any increased expenditure consequent upon the non-performance of the contract. The committee shall audit and pass upon all accounts for printing; but no bill shall be acted upon for work that is not actually executed and delivered, and which they may require to be promptly authenticated.—*Joint resolution (second section) of the 1st session 29th Congress.*

21. It shall be in order for the Committee on Printing to report at any time.—*(1st session 30th Congress.)*

22. After six days from the commencement of a second or subsequent session of Congress, all bills, resolutions, or reports which originated in either house, and at the close of the next preceding session remained undetermined in either house, shall be resumed and acted on in the same manner as if an adjournment had not taken place.—*August 14, 1848.*

QUESTIONS OF ORDER

DECIDED AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

LINN BOYD, OF KENTUCKY, SPEAKER.

WEDNESDAY, January 3, 1855.—Pages 139, 140, 141.

Pending the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 550) to amend an act approved the 4th of August, 1854, entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators,"

Mr. George W. Jones submitted the following amendment to a pending amendment: Strike out of the amendment, "*Provided*, That the portion of said law that has been construed as authorizing the entry of lands under said graduation act on filing a declaration of intention to enter lands for the use of the applicant, and for the purpose of settlement and cultivation, shall hereafter be considered as authorizing an entry in such cases only on proof of actual settlement and improvement by the party making such application, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior for that purpose;"

And insert in lieu thereof the following, viz :

SEC. —. *And be it further enacted*, That any free person who is the head of a family, or who has arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and is a citizen of the United States, shall, from and after the passage of this act, be entitled to enter, at the rate of fourteen and one-half cents per acre, to be paid at the expiration of five years from the date of such entry, one quarter-section of vacant and unappropriated public lands, which may, at the time the application is made, be subject to private entry at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, or a quantity equal thereto, to be located in a body, in conformity with the legal subdivisions of the public lands, and after the same shall have been surveyed.

SEC. —. *And be it further enacted*, That the person applying for the benefit of this act shall, upon application to the register of the land office in which he or she is about to make such entry, make affidavit before the said register that he or she is the head of a family, or is twenty-one years of age, and that such application is made for his or her exclusive use and benefit, and those specially mentioned in this act, and not either directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever; and upon making the affidavit as above required, and filing the affidavit with the register, he or she shall thereupon be permitted to enter the quantity of land already specified :

Provided, however, That no certificate shall be given or patent issued therefor, until the expiration of five years from the date of such entry; and if, at the expiration of such time, the person making such entry, or, if he be dead, his widow, or, in case of her death, his heirs or devisee, or, in case of a widow making such entry, her heirs or devisee, in case of her death, shall prove by two credible witnesses that he, she, or they, have continued to reside upon and cultivate said land, and still reside upon the same, and have not alienated the same, or any part thereof, then, in such case, he, she, or they, shall be entitled to a patent, as in other cases provided for by law: *And provided further,* In case of the death of both father and mother, leaving an infant child or children under twenty-one years of age, the right and the fee shall inure to the benefit of said infant child or children, and the executor, administrator, or guardian, may, at any time within two years after the death of the surviving parent, and in accordance with the laws of the State in which such children for the time being have their domicile, sell said land for the benefit of said infants, but for no other purpose; and the purchaser shall acquire the absolute title by the purchase, and be entitled to a patent from the United States.

SEC. —. *And be it further enacted,* That the register of the land office shall note all such applications on the tract-books and plats of his office, and keep a register of all such entries, and make return thereof to the General Land Office, together with the proof upon which they have been founded.

SEC. —. *And be it further enacted,* That if, at any time after filing the affidavit as required in the second section of this act, and before the expiration of the five years aforesaid, it shall be proven, after due notice to the settler, to the satisfaction of the register of the land office, that the person having filed such affidavit shall have actually changed his or her residence, or abandoned the said entry for more than six months at any time, then, and in that event, the land so entered shall revert back to the government, and be disposed of as other public lands are now by law, subject to an appeal to the General Land Office.

SEC. —. *And be it further enacted,* That if any individual now a resident of any one of the States or Territories, and not a citizen of the United States, but, at the time of the passage of this act, shall have filed a declaration of intention as required by the naturalization laws of the United States, and shall become a citizen of the same before the issuing of the patent, as made and provided for in this act, shall be placed upon an equal footing with the native-born citizen of the United States.

SEC. —. *And be it further enacted,* That no individual shall be permitted to make more than one entry under the provisions of this act; and that the Commissioner of the General Land Office is hereby required to prepare and issue such rules and regulations, consistent with this act, as shall be necessary and proper to carry its provisions into effect; and that the registers and receivers of the several land offices shall be entitled to receive the same compensation for any lands entered under the provisions of this act that they are now entitled to receive

when the same quantity of land is entered with money, one-half to be paid by the person making the application, at the time of so doing, and the other half on the issue of the certificate by the person to whom it may be issued: *Provided, however*, That all persons entering land under the provisions of this act shall, as near as may be practicable, in making such entries, be confined to each alternate quarter-section, and to lands subject to private entry: *And provided further*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to impair or interfere in any manner whatever with existing pre-emption rights: *Provided further*, That the provisions of this act shall be so construed as to authorize the class of persons provided for in the foregoing part of this act, who may not own one hundred and sixty acres of land, to enter, at the rate of fourteen and one-half cents per acre, any of the public lands adjoining his or her farm subject to entry at the minimum price per acre, a quantity, when added to what they may now own, be equal to one hundred and sixty acres, provided he or she shall cultivate the whole or a part thereof.

Mr. Dawson moved that the said bill and pending amendments be re-referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Pending which,

Mr. Houston made the point of order that the amendment to the amendment was not in order, on the ground that it was not germane.

Pending which,

The House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 9, 1855.—Page 162.

The House having resumed as the regular order of business the bill of the House (No. 550) to amend an act approved the 4th of August, 1854, entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators," the pending question being on the point of order submitted by Mr. Houston, viz: that the amendment submitted by Mr. George W. Jones to the amendment of the Committee on Public Lands is not in order,

The Speaker overruled the said point of order;

And the House acquiesced in the said decision.

SATURDAY, February 24, 1855.—Pages 451, 452.

Mr. Giddings rose and claimed, as a question of privilege, that a certain paper in the nature of a protest against the practice, represented by him as having lately grown up in the House, which precludes a member from giving his reasons for voting upon a bill, be entered upon the journal.

The Speaker having decided that no question of privilege was presented by the gentleman,

Mr. Giddings took an appeal therefrom.

Pending the question on the said appeal,

Mr. Orr moved that it be laid on the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	137
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So the said decision stands.

TUESDAY, *February 27, 1855.*—Pages 483, 484.

Pending the question on agreeing to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House No. 555, (Indian appropriations,)

Mr Haven moved that they be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Pending which,

Mr. Haven moved that the rules be suspended so as to enable him to move that the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 285) entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Brigadier General Richard B. Mason "

When,

Mr. Campbell made the point of order that the latter motion was out of order, on the ground that a member cannot submit two motions at the same time.

The Speaker (Mr. Letcher in the chair) overruled the point of order, and decided that it was in order for a member to submit two motions, if, as in the present case, the latter motion took precedence of the former.

From this decision of the Chair Mr. Campbell appealed.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Florence, at 10 o'clock and 55 minutes p. m., the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock a. m.

WEDNESDAY, *February 28, 1855.*—Page 486.

The Speaker having announced, as the regular order of business, the motion submitted by Mr. Haven to suspend the rules, so as to enable him to move that the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 285) entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Brigadier General Richard B. Mason," the pending question being on the appeal of Mr. Campbell from the decision of the Chair holding the said motion to be in order,

Mr. Campbell withdrew his appeal.

SATURDAY, *March 3, 1855.*—Pages 563, 564.

Pending the question on agreeing to the remaining amendments of the Senate,

Mr. Dawson moved that the rules be suspended, so as to enable him to move that the vote be taken *en masse* upon the remaining amendments of the Senate.

The Speaker (Mr. Haven in the chair) decided that the previous question was still operating, and that therefore the motion to suspend the rules was not in order.

From this decision of the Chair Mr. Clingman appealed.

And the question being put, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

It was decided in the affirmative.

So the said motion was ruled to be out of order.

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481	A bill for the relief of Wm. Parker.	364	364, 379	382
482	A bill for the relief of Zebina Rawson.	240	272, 274	286
483	A bill for the relief of Andrew H. Patterson.	153	154	581	582, 586	587
484	A bill for the relief of Polly Carver.	364	364, 380	382
486	A bill for the relief of Sidney P. Pool, of the State of Maine.	364	364, 380	382
487	A bill for the relief of George J. Ralston.	364	364, 380	383
492	A bill for the relief of L. R. Lyon and Dean S. Howard.	562	571, 573	581
494	A bill for the relief of the heirs of Jacob Moyer.	441				
499	A bill to refund to the officers of the customs of Passamaquoddy certain moneys.	299	302	336	345, 362	382

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Number.	Title.	Reported.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
507	A bill to incorporate the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the District Columbia.	86, 89	89	144	153, 175		182
512	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of John Putnam.			364	364, 380		382
514	A bill allowing the further time of two years to those holding lands by entries in the Virginia military district in Ohio, which were made prior to the 1st January 1852, to have the same surveyed and patented.			77	82, 86		90
516	A bill allowing the Metropolitan railroad to extend into the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.	90, 91	91				
517	A bill authorizing the corporate authorities of Georgetown to impose additional taxes, and for other purposes.	90, 91, 92, 95, 96 97	97	37	473	507, 512	540
520	A bill for the relief of James Holstin.	156, 157	154	154	525	526, 547	559
521	A bill for the relief of William Case.	156, 157	157	157	364	364, 380	382
524	A bill for the relief of Charles J. Porcher, acting purser of the brig Falmouth.	157	157	157	171	173, 178	182
526	A bill for the relief of Jephtha L. Heminger.	157	157	157	556	558, 560	561
527	A bill for the relief of Lot Davis.	157	157	157	436	463, 487	488
529	A bill to require the employment of apprentices in the commercial marine of the United States.	437					
531	A bill to incorporate an insurance company in the city of Washington.	91, 92					
534	A bill concerning the apprehension and delivery of deserters from foreign vessels in the ports of the United States.	337	337	337	433	450, 451	473
538	A bill to establish an additional land district in the State of Wisconsin.	359	359	359	428	436, 451	473
540	A bill granting pensions to all persons engaged in the war of 1812, and the Indian wars prior thereto, and to their widows.	9					
542	A bill making an appropriation for completing the public buildings of Oregon Territory. [Amend title: strike out "Territory," and insert after Oregon, " <i>and Minnesota Territories.</i> "]	99, 245, 275	275	275	377	386, 380	416
543	A bill for the construction of a military road in Oregon Territory.	99, 234, 275	275	275	377	386, 390	416
544	A bill regulating the location of bounty-land warrants in Oregon Territory.	99, 262, 275	276	276			
545	A bill to provide for the allowance of invalid pensions to certain volunteers in the Indian wars in Oregon Territory.	99, 73					

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Number.	Title.	Reported.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
546	A bill to extend the provisions of the bounty-land and pension laws of the United States.	9 10					
547	A bill to continue in force, for a limited time, the provisions of the act of Congress of 3d March, 1851, and the second section of its supplement of 18th January, 1854, so as to enable the Board of Land Commissioners in California to close their adjudications of private land titles in that State, and for other purposes.	38 38, 67, 139.....		139	149	164, 175.....	182
548	A bill making further appropriation for completing the improvement of Mobile bay.	38 38					
549	A bill making further appropriation for completing the improvement of Mobile bay.	38 38, 499, 500					
550	A bill to amend an act approved 4th of August, 1854, entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual cultivators and settlers."	38 38, 112, 123, 124, 139, 140, 141, 162, 163, 166, 167 to 171, 172, 174					
551	A bill making appropriation for completing the shelter or harbor at Reedy island, in the river Delaware.	38 38, 499, 500					
552	A bill to provide for the purchase of so much of the Columbia turnpike as is within the limits of the District of Columbia, and making the same free.	56 50, 440					
553	A bill to authorize the sale of reserved lands in the State of Florida.	51 51					
554	A bill making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1856, and for other purposes.	51 51, 62, 63.....		63	97	160, 344, 349, 483, 463, 487	488
555	A bill making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1856.	51 51, 62, 71, 73, 74, 83		83	387	387, 422, 474, 483, 485, 497, 505, 518, 519, 525, 547	559
556	A bill making a further appropriation for the improvement of the rapids in the Mississippi river.	51 51					
557	A bill for the relief of the owners and occupants of the town of Omaha City, in the Territory of Nebraska, and for other purposes.	51 51, 261					
558	A bill to constitute Columbus, in the State of Mississippi, a port of delivery, and for other purposes.	51 51					

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Number.	Title.	Reported.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
559	A bill further to provide for the security of the lives of passengers on vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam.	51	51				
560	A bill to confirm the entry to certain lands in the State of Michigan.	55	55				
561	A bill making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending June 30, 1856.	56	56, 83.....	83	149	160, 174, 522, 525, 526, 547	559
562	A bill making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending June 30, 1856.	56	56, 117.....	117	290	349, 483, 497, 507, 508, 513 to 518, 522, 523, 535, 536, 537, 548, 557, 558, 562, 569	581
563	A bill to provide for a more efficient discipline of the navy.	57	57, 370.....	370	488	506, 509.....	512
564	A bill regulating the compensation of the collectors at Astoria and Umpqua, Oregon Territory.	62	62				
565	A bill to repeal an act for the relief of the legal representatives of Samuel Prioleau, deceased.	66	66.....	66	240	272, 274.....	286
566	A bill to change the name of the American-built brig "Como" to that of "Jehosse," and to grant her a new register.	69	69.....	69	86	90, 107.....	107
567	A bill supplemental to the act entitled "An act granting bounty lands to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States," approved 25th September, 1850, and also the act approved 22d March, 1852, to make land warrants assignable, and for other purposes.	70	70				
568	A bill for the relief of Thomas Hurst, a sergeant in the marine corps.	73	73				
569	A bill making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856, and for other purposes.	76	76, 331, 416, 422, 423, 424, 429, 434, 435, 450, 453 to 464	461	552	554, 555, 556, 561, 562 to 569, 573, 583, 584, 585, 586	587
570	A bill for the relief of John R. Bowes, agent in charge of the property of the United States at Michigan City, in the State of Indiana. [Amend title by adding, "and of Isaac C. Smith, of the city of Buffalo, New York."]]	76	76, 271, 299, 303	303	487	506, 509.....	513
571	A bill making appropriations for continuing the piers and constructing the breakwater at Michigan City, in the State of Indiana, and to otherwise improve the harbor of said city.	76	76, 499, 500				

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Number.	Title.	Reported.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
572	A bill for the relief of Stephen Bunel, of the State of Indiana.	76	76				
573	A bill for military roads in the United States.	81	81				
574	A bill for the relief of certain officers and soldiers of the army and navy who served in the war of 1812.	82	82				
575	A bill to constitute Chattanooga, in the State of Tennessee, a port of delivery.	82	82				
576	A bill to amend the post-office laws.	82	82				
577	A bill for the relief of William Harris.	82	82				
578	A bill to authorize the construction of six steam sloops-of-war.	82	82				
579	A bill making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856.	84	84, 465, 469, 474, 477	477	554	555, 557, 569, 572, 579, 580, 581, 585, 586	587
580	A bill making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defence, and for repairs of barracks and quarters for the year ending the 30th of June, 1856.	85	85, 477.....	477	525	548, 556, 558, 560	561
581	A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a register to the schooner "Sarah."	85	85.....	85	86	90, 107.....	107
582	A bill to amend the charter of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia.	85	85, 174				
583	A bill for the liquidation of the Penitentiary indebtedness.	85	85, 91, 92.....	92	115	124, 150.....	153
584	A bill to incorporate the St. Joseph's Male Orphan Asylum, in the District of Columbia.	85	85, 113				
585	A bill making a further appropriation for deepening the bar of Charleston harbor.	89	89, 499, 500				
586	A bill to appropriate money to remove obstructions in the Savannah river, and improve the navigation thereof.	89	89				
587	A bill making an appropriation for working a steam-dredge on Lake Champlain.	89	89				
588	A bill to provide for the accommodation of the courts of the United States in the district of Maryland, and for a post office at Baltimore city, Maryland.	93	93, 319, 337....	337	377	386, 390.....	416
589	A bill for the relief of C. E. Grenoux.	94	94				
590	A bill making appropriations for the repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works in the State of Wisconsin, heretofore commenced under authority of law.	94	94				

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Number.	Title.	Reported.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
591	A bill for the commencement and completion of certain public works in the State of Wisconsin therein named.	94	94				
592	A bill to provide for holding the United States courts in the northern and southern districts of Florida, in case of the sickness or disability of either of the judges of those districts.	94	94, 333.....	333	433	450, 451.....	473
593	A bill to regulate and make uniform the right of suffrage in the several Territories of the United States.	95	95, 273				
594	A bill making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1856.	102	102, 117.....	117	476	477, 486, 522, 523, 524, 531, 535, 559, 560, 562	581
595	A bill making appropriations for the transportation of the United States mail by ocean steamers and otherwise during the fiscal [year ending the 30th June, 1856.] Title amended by striking out the words within brackets and inserting "years ending June 30, 1855, and June 30, 1856."	102	102, 383, 384, 387, 388, 389, 391 to 396	396	497	506, 509, 540; Veto, 547	
596	A bill making further appropriations for the continuation of the improvement of the harbor at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.	103	103				
597	A bill making further appropriations for the improvement of the harbor at Racine, Wisconsin.	103	103				
598	A bill making further appropriations for the continuation of the improvement of the harbor at Kenosha, Wisconsin.	103	103				
599	A bill to aid the Territory of Kansas in the construction of a railroad in said Territory.	110	110				
600	A bill supplementary to an act for the relief of sick and disabled seamen, and for other purposes.	111	111				
601	A bill giving the consent of Congress to the cession by the State of Massachusetts to the State of New York of the district of Boston Corner.	112	112.....	112	115	124, 150.....	153
602	A bill making appropriations for the improvement of the harbors of Bridgeport, Norwalk, and Stamford, in the State of Connecticut.	116	116				
603	A bill granting a pension to Dolly Empson.	118	118, 444				
604	A bill making appropriations to continue the public works at Monroe, Michigan.	118	118				

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Number.	Title.	Reported.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
605	A bill to provide for the erection of public buildings in the Territory of Kansas.	118	119, 246, 275...	276	562	562, 569.....	562
606	A bill to provide for the construction of roads and bridges, and for the improvement of rivers in the Territory of Kansas, and to provide for a geological survey of said Territory.	118	119, 264				
607	A bill to exempt certain town sites in Kansas Territory from sale and pre-emption.	118	119, 261				
608	A bill to establish certain post roads in Kansas Territory.	119	119, 299.....	302			
609	A bill for the relief of Henry H. Marsh.	120	121, 298.....	302	387	412, 416.....	433
610	A bill extending the provisions of the act of August eleventh, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, to the widows and orphans of persons dying in the military service of the United States.	121	121				
611	A bill for the relief of William G. Preston.	121	121, 277, 299, 304	304	507	512.....	540
612	A bill to establish an additional land office in the Territory of Oregon.	121	121, 262, 275...	275	383	386, 390.....	416
613	A bill to prevent the introduction into the United States of foreign criminals, paupers, idiots, lunatics, and insane and blind persons.	137	137, 139, 574, 575, 582		Laid on the table.		
614	A bill for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Dunkirk, New York, and Lake Erie.	143	143, 499, 500				
615	A bill for the increase and better organization of the army, and for other purposes.	145	145				
616	A bill for the relief of Richard Fitzpatrick.	147	147				
617	A bill making appropriations for continuing the repairs of the injuries done to the government works on Plymouth beach, Massachusetts.	147	147				
618	A bill for the relief of Richard White and Samuel Sherwood.	148	148				
619	A bill for the relief of Joseph Ridgway.	149	149, 298.....	302			
620	A bill for the relief of Roswell Minard, the father of Theodore Minard, deceased.	149	149				
621	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of William A. Christian.	149	149, 298.....	302	554	556, 557.....	559
622	A bill for the relief of Sarah Morris, only heir of Robert Mitchell, deceased.	149	149, 298.....	302	507	512.....	540
623	A bill for the relief of William Brown.	150	150, 298.....	302			
624	A bill for the relief of James McIntire	150	150, 298.....	302			

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Number.	Title.	Reported.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
625	A bill for the relief of Solomon La-follett.	150	150, 298.....	302			
626	A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Foreman.	150	150, 298.....	302			
627	A bill for the relief of Thomas C. Ramsey and Ananias O. Richardson and James McLaughlin.	150	150, 299, 300, 303	303	562	562, 569.....	582
628	A bill to amend an act entitled "An act for the relief of George M. Bentley, of the State of Indiana," approved August 5, 1854.	151	151, 299, 303...	304	573	573.....	587
629	A bill for the further relief of Isaac Allen, of Turner, in the State of Maine.	151	151, 299.....	302			
630	A bill for the relief of Wyatt Griffith, of Washington county, in the State of Tennessee.	151	151, 299.....	302			
631	A bill making an appropriation for continuing the improvement of the channels of the mouths of the Mississippi river.	164	164				
632	A bill to regulate the carrying of spirits of turpentine.	166	166, 268				
633	A bill making appropriation for continuing the improvement for the preservation of Great Woods Hole harbor, Massachusetts.	166	166, 499, 500				
634	A bill making appropriation for continuing the repairs of the break-water at Hyannis harbor, Massachusetts.	166	166, 499, 500				
635	A bill making appropriation for continuing the improvement of the harbor at New Bedford, Massachusetts.	166	166				
636	A bill for the preservation of the harbor of Nantucket, Massachusetts.	166	166				
637	A bill to improve the Mississippi river and its territories.	166	166				
638	A bill to establish post roads in Nebraska Territory.	175	175				
639	A bill to protect the proprietors of towns in Nebraska Territory in their town-sites.	175	175, 262				
640	A bill to provide for the survey and settlement of the Half-Breed tract of land in Nebraska Territory.	175	175				
641	A bill making an appropriation for continuing the improvement of Taunton river, Massachusetts.	175	175, 499, 500				
642	A bill for the relief of Medford Caffey, of the State of Tennessee.	176	176, 299.....	302	377	386, 390.....	416
643	A bill making an appropriation for continuing the sea-wall for the protection of Great Brewster island, in the harbor of Boston, Massachusetts.	181	181, 499, 500				

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Number.	Title.	Reported.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
644	A bill making an appropriation for repairs of the sea-walls on Deer and Lovell's islands, in Boston harbor, Massachusetts.	181	181				
645	A bill making an appropriation to continue the improvements of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers.	181	181				
646	A bill to incorporate the library of the Columbia Fire Company, of Washington city.	181	181				
647	A bill to provide for the navigation of St. Clair river, in the State of Michigan.	182	183				
648	A bill making appropriation for continuing the improvements in the harbor of Cleveland, in the State of Ohio.	186	186, 499, 500				
649	A bill making an appropriation for continuing the improvements in the harbor at the mouth of Grand river, in the State of Ohio.	186	186				
650	A bill allowing the further time of two years to those holding lands by entries in the Virginia military district in Ohio, which were made prior to the 1st of January, 1852, to have the same surveyed and patented.	187	187, 467.....	467	525	526, 548.....	559
651	A bill for the relief of Samuel A. Belden & Co.	187	187, 193, 197, 236, 246 to 250, 252, 287 to 290	293	329	341, 352.....	352
652	A bill for the preservation of the harbor of Lynn, in the State of Massachusetts.	193	193				
653	A bill providing for the resurvey of the harbor of Rockport, in the State of Massachusetts.	193	193				
654	A bill for the resurvey of the harbor of Annisquam, in the town of Gloucester, in the State of Massachusetts.	193	193				
655	A bill for the preservation of the harbor of Marblehead, in the State of Massachusetts.	193	193				
656	A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a register to the barque "Martha."	194	194.....	194	206	231.....	243
657	A bill for the repair and improvement of the piers at the mouth of the Genesee river, New York.	194	194				
658	A bill to establish land offices in Nebraska Territory.	205	205				
659	A bill to authorize the surveying, marking, and opening roads in Nebraska Territory.	205	205				

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Number.	Title.	Reported.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
660	A bill to amend an act approved the 4th of August, 1854, entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators," and to legalize certain entries made under said act.	205	206				
661	A bill to amend "An act to carry into effect a treaty between the United States and Great Britain," signed the 5th June, 1854, and approved August 5, 1854.	206	206				
662	A bill to change the names of the American-built vessels "J. H. Holmes" and "Franklin Pierce."	232	232.....	232	290	301, 317.....	318
663	A bill to amend and consolidate the navigation, revenue, and collection laws of the United States, and for other purposes.	233	233, 588				
664	A bill for the relief of Andrew Jackson Heaton.	233	233				
665	A bill granting the right of way to the Wyandot and Pawnee railroad through the public lands in Kansas Territory. <i>Amend title to read: "A bill extending the provisions of the act of August 4, 1852, entitled 'An act to grant the right of way to all rail and plank roads, and Macadamized turnpikes, passing through the public lands of the United States, to the public lands in the Territories of the United States.'"</i>	233	233, 464, 466, 467	467	554	556, 557.....	559
666	A bill granting Fort Scott reserve to the Territory of Kansas, for school purposes.	233	233, 264				
667	A bill for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Newark and Passaic river, and Newark bay, in New Jersey.	233	233, 499, 500				
668	A bill for the relief of Paul S. Ridgeway.	233	233, 302.....	302	554	556, 557.....	559
669	A bill granting a pension to Joseph McCormick.	234	234, 299.....	302	562	562, 569.....	582
670	A bill authorizing the Secretary of War to purchase sites and contract for the erection of arsenals in Texas and New Mexico, and in the Territory of Washington or Oregon.	234	234, 275.....	276			
671	A bill for preserving and improving the harbor of Sandusky city, Ohio	234	234				
672	A bill for completing the west pier at Huron, Ohio.	234	234				
673	A bill for the repair and completion of the east and west piers at Vermillion, Ohio.	234	234				

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Number.	Title.	Reported.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
674	A bill making appropriation for the improvement of the harbor of New Buffalo, Michigan.	239	239				
675	A bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor at the mouth of South Black river, Michigan.	239	239				
676	A bill making appropriation for the improvement of the harbor at the mouth of Muskegon river, Michigan.	239	239				
677	A bill making appropriation for the improvement of the harbor at the mouth of Grand river, Michigan.	239	239				
678	A bill making appropriation for the improvement of the harbor of Black Lake, Michigan.	239	239				
679	A bill making appropriation for the improvement of the harbor of St. Joseph, Michigan.	239	239				
680	A bill making appropriations for improving certain military roads in the Territory of Minnesota.	245	245, 275.....	275	377	386, 390.....	416
681	A bill to provide for the erection of public buildings in the Territory of Nebraska.	245	246, 275.....	276	562	562, 569.....	582
682	A bill for the relief of Frederic Griffing.	246	246, 299.....	303			
683	A bill providing for the working of the United States steam dredge-boat at the harbor of Oswego, on Lake Ontario, State of New York.	252	252				
684	A bill releasing to the city of San Francisco certain public lands in pursuance of the decree of confirmation of the board of commissioners to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California.	259	259				
685	A bill providing for an express mail overland from St. Louis to San Francisco.	259	259, 324, 360				
686	A bill to establish a uniform rule of naturalization and to repeal certain acts heretofore passed on that subject, and for other purposes.	259	259				
687	A bill for the benefit of the Post Office Department and the Mississippi Central Railroad Company.	260	260				
688	A bill to amend an act approved August 26, 1852, entitled "An act to reduce and define the boundaries of the military reserve at Saint Peter's river, in the Territory of Minnesota," and for other purposes.	262	262, 275, 280...	281	488	506, 569.....	512

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Number.	Title.	Reported.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
689	A bill to establish the office of surveyor general of Utah and to grant lands to actual settlers therein.	262	262, 275, 276, 281 to 285	285	397	412, 416, 433...	433
690	A bill for the construction of certain military roads in the Territory of Kansas.	264	264, 275.....	275	562	571, 573.....	581
691	A bill making an appropriation for a territorial road in the Territory of Nebraska.	264	264, 275.....	275	377	386, 390.....	416
692	A bill granting a pension to Micajah Ricketts.	265	265				
693	A bill for the relief of R. A. Clements, administrator of James A. Mullican.	267	267				
694	A bill for the relief of Thomas B. Graham.	267	267				
695	A bill establishing the compensation of registers and receivers in certain cases.	267	267				
696	A bill for the benefit of the heirs of Philip R. Rice, deceased.	268	268, 299.....	302	507	512.....	540
697	A bill for the relief of the widow of William Irving, deceased.	269	269, 299.....	302	531	537, 547.....	559
698	A bill to amend the act of Congress approved May 23, 1844, entitled "An act for the relief of the citizens of towns upon lands of the United States under certain circumstances."	269	269, 489, 504				
699	A bill to re-establish Snow Hill, Maryland, as a separate collection district.	269	269				
700	A bill for the relief of the children and grandchildren of Thomas Morris.	269	269, 299, 304...	304	507	512.....	540
701	A bill for the relief of D. B. Myers.	269	269				
702	A bill for the relief of Wm. Hagerty.	269	269, 299.....	302	377	386, 390.....	416
703	A bill for the relief of Rebecca Winn, widow and executrix of the last will and testament of Timothy Winn, deceased, late a purser in the Navy of the United States.	269	269, 299.....	302	397	412, 416.....	433
704	A bill providing for the working of the United States steam dredge-boat at the harbor of Sodus, in Cayuga, and Sodus, in Wayne county, New York.	270	270				
705	A bill for the relief of the assignee of bounty-land warrant No. 27,849, for 160 acres, issued to William Phillips and Sarah Conner.	270	270, 299, 303...	.....	Laid on the table.		
706	A bill increasing the pension of Anthony Bayard, of the State of Pennsylvania.	270	270, 299.....	302	415	436, 451.....	474
707	A bill for the relief of George Bush, of Thurston county, Washington Territory.	270	270, 299.....	302	338	346, 352.....	362

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708	A bill for the relief of James P. Roan.	270	270, 300, 304...	304			
709	A bill confirming a land claim to Elijah White, of the Territory of Washington.	271	271, 299.....	302	338	345, 352.....	352
710	A bill more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States.	271	271				
711	A bill to re-establish the Memphis navy yard.	287	287				
712	A bill to amend the act to extend pre-emption rights to certain lands therein mentioned.	290	290				
713	A bill for the relief of Doctor Wm. F. Sherrod.	291	291				
714	A bill to extend the provisions of the pre-emption act of September 4, 1841.	29	291				
715	A bill for the relief of Kennedy O'Brien.	291	291				
716	A bill granting a pension to Charles Conner.	291	291				
717	A bill for the relief of Joel Collins..	291	291				
718	A bill for the relief of Wm. Bullock.	291	291				
719	A bill for the relief of Salvador Accardi.	292	292				
720	A bill for the relief of Abner Merrill.	292	293				
721	A bill for the relief of Mrs. Isabella Crough.	292	293				
722	A bill for the relief of Lewis Benedict.	292	293				
723	A bill to confirm the title of Ruhama Whitaker and Rebecca Whitaker to certain lands in the State of Louisiana.	292	293				
724	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of John Erwin, deceased.	293	293				
725	A bill for the relief of Willis Bennet, of Indiana.	295	295				
726	A bill for the relief of Joseph Kerr, of Iowa.	295	295				
727	A bill for the relief of Caroline Fierer, the sole residuary legatee of Charles Fierer, deceased.	296	296				
728	A bill for the relief of Joseph C. G. Kennedy.	298	298				
729	A bill to confirm to certain persons therein named, their titles to certain lots in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin.	298	298				
730	A bill authorizing the construction of a marine hospital at Chelsea, Massachusetts.	301	301				
731	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Joseph Mourse, deceased.	301	301				

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Number.	Title.	Reported.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
732	A bill to amend the act entitled "An act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports," approved March 3, 1833.	319	319				
733	A bill to amend the act entitled "An act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States," approved 30th April, 1790.	319	319				
734	A bill to prevent trespasses upon property within the District of Columbia.	333	333				
735	A bill providing compensation to owners of property in the city of Washington, injured by alterations of streets by authority of the United States.	333	333				
736	A bill changing the times of holding the United States courts in Tennessee.	333	333.....	333	476	488, 509.....	512
737	A bill to authorize the printing of the opinions of the Attorney General.	333	333				
738	A bill providing for the revision of the laws of the United States.	333	333				
739	A bill to establish a circuit court of the United States in and for the State of California.	333	333				
740	A bill for the relief of the assignees of Anthony St. Maxent.	337	337				
741	A bill for the relief of Thomas Plumsill.	337	337				
742	A bill to amend the act approved August 31, 1852, entitled "An act making further provisions for the satisfaction of Virginia land warrants."	338	338.....	339			
743	A bill to authorize the construction of six steam-sloops of war.	343	343, 372, 373, 376				
744	A bill for the relief of the widow and children of Henry M. Shreve, deceased.	344	344				
745	A bill for the relief of Katharine M. Hamer, widow of the late General Thomas L. Hamer.	349	349				
746	A bill for the relief of the heirs of Dr. Absalom Baird, late a surgeon in the army of the Revolution.	349	349				
747	A bill making an appropriation for military defences at Proctor's Landing, in Louisiana.	374	374.....	374	473	478, 487.....	488
748	A bill supplemental to the act entitled "An act to regulate the fees and costs to be allowed clerks, marshals, and attorneys of the circuit and district courts of the United States, and for other purposes," approved February 26, 1853.	390	391				

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Number.	Title.	Reported.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved
749	A bill for the relief of the actual occupants of lands in California, holding under locations of State warrants.	391	391				
750	A bill to amend an act approved the 4th of August, 1854, entitled "An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators."	421	421	421	525	526, 548	52
751	A bill for the relief of Richard S. Cox, trustee of the Union Land Company, and others. :	423	423				
752	A bill to regulate the carriage of passengers in steamships and other vessels	424	424	424	502	527, 537, 547	52
753	A bill making appropriations for the working of dredge and snag boats of the United States for the better protection of the navy, and in aid of the revenue.	424	424				
754	A bill granting to the State of Alabama public lands in alternate sections, to aid in the construction of railroads from Mobile to Girard; from Selma to or near Gunter's Landing, with branches from or near Gadsden, through Wills and Chattooga valleys, to the eastern State line of Alabama; from Memphis, Tennessee, to a point intersecting the Nashville, Chattanooga, and Charleston railroad, at or near Stephenson, Alabama; from Beard's Bluff, via Elyton and Tuscaloosa, to some point on the Mobile and Ohio railroad; and from Montgomery to the northern State line of Alabama, via Decatur and Athens, in said State.	428	429, 431, 432, 433		Laid on the table.		
755	A bill to organize an institution for the insane of the army and navy, and of the District of Columbia, in the said district.	431	431	431	561	562, 569	52
756	A bill for the relief of Henry Little and Jacob Felch.	437	437				
757	A bill further to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam, and for other purposes."	437	437				
758	A bill granting public lands for railroad purposes in the manner and upon the conditions therein named.	438	438				
759	A bill to authorize the full satisfaction of certain claims to revolutionary bounty-lands allowed by the State of Virginia.	438	438				

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Number.	Title.	Reported.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
760	A bill to provide for telegraphic and express-mail communication between the Mississippi river and the Pacific ocean.	438	439				
761	A bill to complete the improvement of the harbor of Chicago, in the State of Illinois	439	439				
762	A bill for the relief of Daniel Searle & Co., for extra services rendered the Post Office Department of the United States.	439	439, 484.....	484	497	506, 509.....	513
763	A bill for the relief of Uriah P. Monroe.	440	440				
764	A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of David Noble, deceased.	440	440				
765	A bill for the relief of William Craig.	440	440				
766	A bill for the relief of James M. Lindsay.	440	440				
767	A bill to impose a stamp duty on bank notes and paper currency of small denominations.	439	439				
768	A bill for the relief of William Dempsey.	441	441				
769	A bill for the relief of the heirs of Mary Jenison, deceased.	441	441, 504.....	504			
770	A bill for the relief of Joseph White.	442	442				
771	A bill for the relief of Andrew Armstrong.	442	442				
772	A bill for the relief of Harrison Hough.	442	442				
773	A bill for the relief of Jesse French, of Braintree, Massachusetts.	444	444, 504.....	504	562	571, 573.....	581
774	A bill to enable P. M. Kent, late pension agent in New Albany, Indiana, to adjust and settle his accounts.	444	444				
775	A bill for the relief of Mary F. P. Levely.	444	444				
776	A bill for the relief of Robert H. Stevens.	444	444				
777	A bill for the relief of Charles H. Pointer.	444	444, 477.....	477	507	512, 540.....	540
778	A bill for the relief of Daniel Nickel.	444	441				
779	A bill to amend and extend certain acts granting pensions.	444	444				
780	A bill for the relief of George W. Whitten, of Newfield, in the State of Maine.	445	445				
781	A bill granting a bounty land warrant to Ozias Hart, of Seneca county, Ohio.	445	445				
782	A bill for the relief of Cyrus H. McCormick.	445	445				
783	A bill for the relief of the heirs of the late Colonel John Hardin.	445	446				

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Number.	Title.	Reported.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
784	A bill for the relief of Mrs. Anne W. Butler.	445	446				
785	A bill authorizing the payment to certain clerks in the Third Auditor's office an additional allowance out of the military contribution fund.	446	446				
786	A bill explanatory of an act entitled "An act to increase the pay of the rank and file of the army, and to encourage enlistments."	446	446				
787	A bill for the improvement of certain military roads in the Territory of New Mexico.	446	446				
788	A bill for the relief of Cassius M. Clay.						
789	A bill to change the mode of compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives and the delegates from Territories.	447	447				
790	A bill to carry into effect the convention upon the subject of claims between the United States and her Britannic Majesty of the 8th February, 1853.	449	449.....	450	525	525, 548.....	558
791	A bill for the relief of Francis Dainese	469	469				
792	A bill for the increase of John C. Burton's pension.	484	484.....	484			
793	A bill for the relief of R. R. Ward, F. G. Halleck, and Jacob Little.	487	487				
794	A bill to establish Columbus, in the State of Mississippi, Chattanooga, in the State of Tennessee, and Hickman, in the State of Kentucky, ports of delivery.	499	499.....	499	554	556, 557.....	559
795	A bill making appropriations for the improvement of the harbor of Huron, Ohio.	500	502				
796	A bill to provide for a resurvey of the harbors at Marblehead, Nantucket, and Sandy Bay, in the State of Massachusetts.	500	502				
797	A bill making appropriations for continuing the improvement of the Kennebec river, in the State of Maine.	500	502				
798	A bill for continuing the improvement of the navigation of the Arkansas river.	500	502				
799	A bill making appropriations for continuing the removal of the rocks obstructing the navigation near Falls island, Maine.	500	502				
800	A bill for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Oak Orchard, on Lake Ontario.	500	502				

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Number.	Title.	Reported.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
801	A bill making appropriations for the construction and repair of certain dredge, snag, and machine boats and discharging-scows.	500	502				
802	A bill making appropriations for continuing the breakwater at Rockland harbor, in Maine.	500	502				
803	A bill making appropriations for the improvement of the navigation of the Missouri river.	500	502				
804	A bill making appropriations for continuing the improvement of the harbor at Kenosha, Wisconsin.	500	502				
805	A bill making appropriations for the improvement of the Appomattox river below Petersburg, Virginia.	500	502				
806	A bill making appropriations for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Sodus Bay, Wayne county, New York.	500	502				
807	A bill making appropriations for continuing the construction of a levee across the mouth of the river San Diego.	500	502				
808	A bill for the improvement of the harbor of St. Joseph, Michigan.	500	502				
809	A bill for the improvement of East Pascagoula river.	500	502				
810	A bill making appropriations for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Buffalo, New York.	500	502				
811	A bill making appropriations for the improvement of the navigation of the Tennessee river.	500	502				
812	A bill making appropriations for continuing the Delaware breakwater, in Delaware.	500	502				
813	A bill making appropriations for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Sandusky City, Ohio.	500	502				
814	A bill making appropriations for continuing the improvement of the harbor at Racine, Wisconsin.	500	202				
815	A bill making appropriations for the repair of the piers in Saco river, in the State of Maine.	500	502				
816	A bill making appropriations for continuing the improvement of the harbor at the mouth of Clifton river.	500	502				
817	A bill making appropriations for the further improvement of the navigation of the James river, Virginia.	501	502				
818	A bill making appropriations for continuing the construction of the harbor on Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana.	501	502				

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Number.	Title.	Reported.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
819	A bill making appropriations for the improvement of the navigation of the Colorado river.	501 502					
820	A bill making appropriations for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Ashtabula, Ohio.	501 502					
821	A bill continuing the improvement of the navigation of the Illinois river.	501 502					
822	A bill making appropriations for the removal of obstructions from the Susquehanna river.	501 502					
823	A bill for the improvement of the harbor at New Buffalo, Michigan.	501 502					
824	A bill making appropriations for the improvement of the harbor of Oswego, New York.	501 502					
825	A bill making appropriations for continuing the improvement of the Hudson river above and below Albany, New York.	501 502					
826	A bill for continuing the improvement of the navigation of the Tennessee river.	501 502					
827	A bill making appropriations for continuing the removal of the rocks at Hell Gate and Diamond reef, New York.	501 502					
828	A bill making appropriations for continuing the connexion of the waters of the Indian river and Mosquito lagoon, Florida.	501 502					
829	A bill for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Waukegan, Illinois.	501 502					
830	A bill making appropriations for the construction of steam-dredges, steam-tug equipments, and discharging scows, for Chesapeake bay and the Atlantic coast.	501 502					
831	A bill making appropriations for continuing the survey of the harbors of Galveston and Passo Cavallo, and other harbors and rivers in Texas.	501 502					
832	A bill for continuing the improvement of the Des Moines Rapids, in the Mississippi river.	501 502					
833	A bill making appropriations for continuing the breakwater at Richmond Island harbor, Maine.	501 502					
834	A bill making appropriations for the improvement of the harbor of Manitowoc, Wisconsin.	501 502					
835	A bill making appropriations for continuing the repairs of the piers and the improvement of the harbor of New Castle, Delaware.	501 502					
836	A bill for the improvement of the harbor of Black Lake, Michigan.	501 502					

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Number.	Title.	Reported.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
837	A bill making appropriations for continuing the removal of obstructions near the mouth of Seekonk river, Rhode Island.	501	502				
838	A bill making appropriations for continuing the improvement of the harbor at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.	501	502				
639	A bill for the improvement of the harbor of Waukegan, in the State of Illinois.	501	502				
840	A bill making appropriations for the improvement of the harbor of Sheboygan, Wisconsin.	501	502				
841	A bill making appropriations for the improvement of the harbor of Dubuque.	502	502				
842	A bill making appropriations to continue and extend the piers in the harbor of Monroe, in the State of Michigan.	502	502				
843	A bill making appropriations to continue the improvement of the harbor at the mouth of Grand river, Ohio.	502	502				
844	A bill making appropriations for the improvement of the harbor of Burlington, Vermont.	502	502				
845	A bill for continuing the improvement of Rock River rapids, in the Mississippi river.	502	502				
846	A bill making appropriations for the improvement of the harbor of Bridgeport, in the State of Connecticut.	502	502				
847	A bill making appropriations for the improvement of the Ohio river.	502	502				
848	A bill making appropriations for continuing the repairs of the injuries done to the government works on Plymouth Beach, Massachusetts.	502	502				
849	A bill for the improvement of the harbor of Grand Haven, Michigan.	502	502				
850	A bill making appropriations for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Erie, Pennsylvania.	502	502				
851	A bill making appropriations for continuing the improvement of the harbor of Conneaut, Ohio.	502	502				
852	A bill making appropriations for continuing the repairs of the breakwater in Portland harbor, Maine.	502	502				
853	A bill for the removal of obstructions at Colbert shoals, in the Tennessee river.	502	502				
854	A bill making appropriations for continuing the improvement of the harbor ofodus bay, Cayuga county, New York.	502	502				

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Number.	Title.	Reported.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Passed Senate.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
855	A bill to continue the pension of Francis E. Bayden.	506	506.....	506	562	562, 569.....	522
856	A bill to establish certain post-roads.	509	509 to 511.....	511	531	537, 547.....	559
857	A bill to provide accommodations for the United States courts in the city of Jackson, Mississippi.	528	528.....	528	531	537, 547.....	559
858	A bill donating three hundred and twenty acres of land to Dick Johnson, an Indian.	588	588				
859	A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Bankstone.	588	588				

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Number.	Title.	Reported from the Senate.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
6	An act to grant to the State of Ohio the unsold and unappropriated public lands remaining unsold in that State.	.....	463.....	464	497, 506, 509...	322
16	An act to suppress the circulation of small notes as a currency in the District of Columbia.	.....	86, 87, 90.....	91	97, 120.....	145
30	An act for the relief of Thomas Marston Taylor.	.....	154.....	154	172, 197, 259, 274, 286, 217	330
31	An act for the relief of Purser Francis B. Stockton.	.....	154.....	154	166, 176, 178...	135
32	An act for the relief of Joseph Gideon...	.....	78, 81			
45	An act for the relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands.	.....	438			
47	An act to divide the State of Ohio into two judicial districts, and to provide for holding the district and circuit courts of the United States therein.	.....	336.....	337	341, 352.....	362
69	An act authorizing the construction of a line of telegraph from the Mississippi or Missouri rivers to the Pacific ocean.	.....	115, 272, 274, 278, 279	280	374, 378, 390...	425
67	An act to amend an act making appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors and rivers, approved August 30, 1852.	.....	313.....	313	324, 352.....	357
68	An act to remove obstructions to navigation in the mouth of the Mississippi river, at the Southwest Pass a l'Outre.	329	344, 345, 439			
72	An act for the relief of the heirs and representatives of Uriah Prewitt, deceased.	154.....	154	176, 178.....	155

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Number.	Title.	Reported from the Senate.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed. H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
84	An act making a grant of land in the State of Michigan to aid in the construction of the Oakland and Ottawa railroad, and a railroad from the Grand Rapids to the Straits of Mackinaw, and a railroad from Pontiac, via Pere Marquette river, Manistowoc and Ontonagon rivers, to Kenawa Point, with a branch to the vicinity of Carp river, upon Lake Ontario.	.....	467, 468.....	Laid	on the table.	
96	An act to provide for the payment of such creditors of the late republic of Texas as are comprehended in the act of Congress of September 9, 1850.	.....	186, 231, 258, 318, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328	329	378, 381, 425, 426, 427, 428, 436, 451, 453	507
98	An act making a grant of land to the State of Florida to aid in the construction of certain railroads in said State.	.....	469.....	Laid	on the table.	
101	An act for the relief of the children of the late Lieutenant Michael Everly, a revolutionary officer.	.....	297			
102	An act for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of William Weeks.	.....	156, 157.....	157	176, 178.....	185
120	An act to promote the efficiency of the army by retiring disabled officers.	.....	572			
126	An act to relinquish to the State of Wisconsin the lands reserved for salt springs therein.	.....	.....	.....	48, 55, 78.....	144
129	An act to authorize the sale of reserved lands, and for other purposes.	.....	262			
131	An act for the relief of the heirs of Judith Worthen, deceased.	.....	297			
139	An act for the relief of Charles A. Kellett.	.....	78, 79			
141	An act for the relief of Richard Fitzpatrick.	.....	292			
142	An act for the relief of Don B. Juan Domercq, a Spanish subject.	.....	112, 299, 304...	304	318, 324, 352...	387
148	An act for the relief of Zacharia Lawrence, of Ohio.	.....	356.....	356	374, 378, 390...	428
170	An act for the relief of Mrs. Helen Mackay, administratrix of Lieutenant Colonel Aeneas Macky, late a deputy quartermaster in the United States army.	.....	471.....	471	478, 487.....	488
171	An act for the relief of W. R. Nevins...	.....	116			
174	An act to provide for the construction of a suitable building for the accommodation of the district court of the United States at Key West, in the State of Florida.	.....	193			
182	An act for the relief of Thomas Butler...	.....	156, 157.....	157	176, 178.....	185
186	An act to provide for the final settlement of the claims of the officers of the revolutionary army, and of the widows and orphan children of those who died in the service.	436				
191	An act for the relief of Thos. B. Parsons.	156, 157.....	157	176, 178.....	185
192	An act for the relief of Amos Knapp.....	73, 153, 503.....	503	512.....	552

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Number.	Title.	Reported from the Senate.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
195	An act to authorize the sale of Rock island, in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes. [Title amended to read: " <i>An act for the relief of David B. Sears.</i> "]	182	185.....	185	187, 196, 201...	97
213	An act for the relief of Otway H. Berryman.	.....	442, 443			
218	An act for the relief of Commander G. J. Pendergrast.	.....	344, 351, 352			
233	An act for the relief of Susan Coody and others.	.....	157.....	157	172, 176, 178...	155
238	An act to authorize the issue of patents to lands in any State or Territory in certain cases.	.....	71.....	71	77, 83, 107.....	144
244	An act for the relief E. J. McLane.....	.....	148, 301.....	302	315, 352.....	32
251	An act authorizing the legal representatives of Antoine Vasquez, Hypolite Vasquez, Joseph Vasquez, and John Colligan, to enter certain lands in Missouri.	.....	156, 157.....	157	176, 178.....	15
254	An act for the relief of Catharine B. Arnold.	107	148, 268, 299, 301	302	315, 352.....	32
256	An act for the relief of the West Feliciana Railroad and the Georgia Railroad and Banking Company.	.....	309, 310.....	311	315, 352.....	32
264	An act for the relief of Francisco Lope Urriza.	396				
265	An act for the relief of Robert Jemison and the legal representatives of Benjamin Williams.	.....	439.....	Laid on the table.		
266	An act for the relief of Almanson Huston.	.....	193			
272	An act for the relief of Mark Bean and Richard H. Bean, of Arkansas.	.....	438			
273	An act to authorize and facilitate the construction of a northern, a southern, and a central Pacific railroad and magnetic telegraph through the Territories of the United States.	428				
276	An act for the relief of Mrs. Ann W. Angus.	.....	156, 157.....	157	176, 178.....	15
277	A bill for the relief of Theresa Dardenne, widow of Abraham Dardenne, deceased, and their children.	.....	147			
285	An act for the relief of the heirs of Brigadier General Richard B. Mason.	.....	483, 486.....	486	506, 509.....	322
286	An act to provide for holding an additional term of the circuit court of the United States for the district of Missouri, and for holding special terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States for the northern district of Ohio.	383	386.....	386	412, 428.....	43
301	An act for the relief of the representatives of Thomas D. Anderson, deceased, late consul of the United States at Tripoli.	.....	156, 157.....	157	176, 178.....	15
302	An act for the relief of Robert Joyner.....	.....	443			
305	An act to direct a re-examination of the account between the United States and the State of Maryland.	268			

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Number.	Title.	Reported from the Senate.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
306	An act for the relief of the legal representatives of James Erwin, of Arkansas, and others.	.....	154.....	154	176, 178.....	186
310	An act for the relief of the heirs of the late Uri Emmons.	.....	116			
315	An act for the relief of Israel Johnson...	.....	149, 206			
323	An act for the relief of the "Tampico Volunteers."	363				
328	An act for the relief of Obed Hussey...	.....	445			
334	An act for the relief of Francois Cousin.	.....	156, 157.....	157	176, 178.....	186
337	An act for the relief of Eliza N. Evans...	.....	572			
346	An act for the relief of the heirs-at-law of William Van Wart, deceased.	.....	260, 299, 304...	304	319, 323, 352...	362
352	An act to amend an act entitled "An act to grant the right of pre-emption to certain purchasers and settlers on the 'Maison Rouge Grant,' in the event of the final adjudication of the title in favor of the United States," approved January 27, 1851. Title amended to read: " <i>An act extending in certain cases the provisions of the act entitled 'An act to extend pre-emption rights to certain lands therein mentioned,' approved March 3, 1853.</i>"	.....	464.....	464	497, 506, 509...	522
356	An act for the relief of George Dennett, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire.	.....	268, 300, 305			
359	An act granting bounty land to Elizabeth Summers, widow of Cornelius Summers, a soldier of the late war with Great Britain.	.....	295			
361	An act for the relief of Frederic Vincent, administrator of James Le Caze, survivor of Le Caze and Mallet.	.....	157.....	157	240, 243, 274...	309
367	An act to extend a patent heretofore granted to John Shly, of the State of Georgia.	396				
367	An act for the relief of George M. Farnum, commercial agent at Port Louis.	362				
369	An act for the relief of Michael Hanson.	362				
390	An act for the relief of Overton Love and John Guest, of the Chickasaw nation.	396				
392	An act granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Frances Smith, of South Carolina.	.....	297			
393	An act for the better preservation of life and property from vessels shipwrecked on the coasts of the United States.	.....	60, 61.....	61	71, 78.....	444
394	An act for the relief of Betsey Whipple.	120	148			
395	An act for the relief of Peter Amey, colored man.	362	503.....	503	512.....	552

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Number.	Title.	Reported from the Senate.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
396	An act for the relief of the assignees, or legal representatives of Jacques Monlon.	363				
398	An act for the relief of the heirs of Captain Joshua Chamberlain, deceased.	121, 440				
401	An act for the relief of William Duer...	156, 157		157	176, 178	136
411	An act to establish a line of steam mail ships between San Francisco, in California, and Shanghai, in China, touching at the Sandwich Islands and Japan.	164				
412	An act for the relief of Catherine Dickerson.	338	343, 344, 445			
420	An act for the relief of Charles Stearns.	396				
421	An act for the relief of Abraham Cutter	362				
424	An act for the relief of Isaac Swain....	73	77, 294			
429	An act for the relief of Commodore Foxhall A. Parker, of the United States navy.	362				
430	An act for the relief of Henry S. Sanford.	60, 296, 361, 503		503	512	552
431	An act for the relief of George W. Harris.	362				
435	An act making appropriations for the construction of certain military roads in the Territories of Nebraska and Washington.	41, 264, 275, 286		376	317	331
436	An act for the improvement of the navigation of the Patapsco river, and to render the port of Baltimore accessible to the war steamers of the United States.	345	391, 549, 550			
437	An act for the relief of John Shaw.....	77	106, 296			
439	An act for the relief of the heirs of William Turvin, deceased.	362				
444	An act for the relief of Frances D. Holker, wife and administratrix of John Holker, deceased.	363				
445	An act for the relief of Madalena Van Ness, widow of Cornelius P. Van Ness, deceased.	445, 527		527	537, 548	561
447	An act to increase the pension of Patrick C. Miles.	116	148, 270, 299, 302	302	315, 352	352
450	An act for the relief of William Rich....	362				
453	An act for the relief of Brevet Brigadier General John B. Walback, of the United States army.	329	343, 344, 445			
454	An act for the relief of John P. Brown..	363				
456	An act for the relief of Charles W. Carroll.	363	484	484	506, 509	521
457	An act for the relief of William Clark...	363				
459	An act for the relief of Colonel Edward R. S. Canaby.	363				
460	An act for the relief of Ephraim Hunt...	166	298			
461	An act for the relief of the Office of Indian Affairs.	148, 296				
	[Title amended to read: "An act for the relief of George R. Herrick."]					

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Number.	Title.	Reported from the Senate.	Proceedings in Committee of the Whole and in the House.	Passed H. R.	Other proceedings.	Approved.
463	An act for the relief of the officers and soldiers of the army who sustained loss by the disasters to the steamships "Winfield Scott" and "San Francisco."	353				
464	An act for the relief of Israel Ketchum..	73	77, 269			
465	An act for the relief of Puig, Mir & Co..	363				
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